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Stir Up Thy Gift

A TRUE EXPERIENCE

BY PATRICIA NELSON

AS MRS. TREMONT selected the choicest of the fresh fruits and vegetables so temptingly displayed at the market, she noticed Anna Hale, her young down-the-street neighbor. At the last row of bins Anna was busy selecting drastically reduced vegetables and fruits already showing brown specks, the sure sign of decay. As Anna bought a pound of beans, whose pods were far too large to be tender, Mrs. Tremont casually walked over and looked down in the go-cart that held Anna and Bill Hale's two babies.

"Hello, there." She smiled down at three-year-old Bobby, who sat at the foot of the carriage, and at one-year-old Betty, who sat at the other end facing her brother. Both children, quiet and well behaved, smiled up at her; then continued to watch with interest their slender young mother busy at her shopping.

To her pile of selections Anna added a bunch of wrinkled carrots drained of moisture and a head of cauliflower obviously yellowed by age.

Mrs. Tremont spoke: "Looks as if you will need help to wheel that loaded cart home, Anna, so here I am offering my strong and willing arms."

Anna, her young face tired and harried, looked up and smiled wanly.

"Thank you ever so much, Mrs. Tremont," she said, "but I can manage all right."

Both Bobby and Betty dimpled at Mrs. Tremont as she reached in a bag and produced a cooky for each of them.

Without its being apparent, Mrs. Tremont frivoled away some time at the bakery shop until Anna wheeled the heavily loaded cart out onto the walk and headed it toward home. Then she hurried out and joined her.

As the two women walked along in the warm morning sunshine Mrs. Tremont put a helping hand on the push bar and added her strength so as to make it easier for Anna. Suddenly she spoke, a smile softening the harshness of her words:

"Anna, I have known you ever since you wore pigtails, and I am going to reprimand you for buying wilted vegetables and overripe fruit to feed such wonderful folks as you, Bill, Bobby, and Betty are."

Anna's tired blue eyes flashed for an instant, then filled with self-pitying tears. "I know as well as you do that I shouldn't, and no one knows how hard it is for me to pass up the fresh ones. But I have to make every penny count, for Bill only works four days now. His time has been cut again."

"Then why don't you help him?" Mrs. Tremont asked calmly.

Anna Hale looked her hurt surprise. "Help him? Why, Mrs. Tremont, I am doing everything I know to help him. I wash, iron, clean, bake, and look after two

babies. And even by the best managing I still can't make both ends meet. I don't know how else I can help."

"By letting first things come first, Anna. You are making of your life a terrible struggle when it should be without strain. You have a God-given gift somewhere within you that you are neglecting. Find that gift. Stir it up. Let it be first. Make it active and it will give you the power to dissolve all this strain and worry. It will also make easy the work that is causing you to become old before your time."

Anna said: "Once I thought that I had a gift. It was that of being a kindergarten teacher, for I do love little children." Without conscious volition her hand reached over and smoothed Betty's brown curls with a loving stroke. "But as you know," she continued, "I married Bill the summer I graduated from high school. So that ended preparation and teaching for me."

"You were very wise, for you chose the better vocation." Mrs. Tremont smiled as she saw in her mind's eye energetic, lovable, good-looking Bill Hale.

"Whether wise or not," Anna replied, her eyes lighting with love for her young husband, "it is one step I am sure that I shall never regret."

Mrs. Tremont resumed the theme: "Was there anything you liked especially when you were in high school —other than wanting to teach kindergarten?"

"No. Nothing especially."

"Not sewing or cooking or keeping a model cottage?"

"I liked all of them, and I am doing them now the very best that I can," Anna said. "Maybe I haven't a gift."

"Oh, yes, you have. No doubt about that," Mrs. Tremont said positively; so positively that Anna asked,

"Do you honestly believe that each of us has a gift, Mrs. Tremont?"

"I not only believe it, I know it," Mrs. Tremont replied convincingly. "Each of us must have a special gift, for doesn't the Bible say, 'Each man hath his own gift from God, one after this manner, and another after that.' Of course some of us never find our gift, and sometimes we are fortunate enough to find it in early childhood. Others have to be pushed into their niche by hard knocks. Like Grandma Andrews, for instance. You know her of course?"

"Sure, I know Grandma Andrews. She has fixed my dolls ever since I can remember, but I never knew a happier, healthier, busier, more independent person."

"Yes, but there was a time when she was up against a far more seemingly solid wall than yours. It was then that she found her gift. It was a humble one, but it gave to her all that life can give to anyone, love, health, security, and contentment."

"What happened to her?" Anna asked with interest.

"Well, after she had cluttered up a long life with hard work and hardships—a good deal as you are beginning to clutter up yours—Mr. Andrews passed on after a long illness and left her a grieving, lonely widow, her savings eaten up with doctor bills and a mortgage on the cottage. For a time it seemed to her mind as if there was nothing for a woman like her to do, a woman far past middle age and alone in the world. Then one day from a casual act of kindness she was shown her God-given gift. She used it until it budded and then bloomed, and for years now, as you say, she has been healthy, happy, busy, and financially independent. Shall I go on with the story?"

"Do, please," Anna replied.

"Well, a little neighbor girl was staying with Grandma Andrews while her mother went to town. The child had brought along her old tattered rag doll to play with, but she soon tired of it. Then to amuse her Grandma suggested that they piece a quilt for the doll. So she got out the rag bag and found small pieces of gaily colored calico, chambray, and gingham. As the child painstakingly sewed the small blocks together Grandma, to surprise and gladden the little girl, selected a piece of unbleached domestic for the body, blue chambray for the eyes, red calico for mouth and yellow gingham for hair and fashioned a doll that would bring joy to any child's heart. She herself was surprised at the lifelike outcome of her effort, and she was pleased at the evident joy of the little girl. You, Anna, have seen the sign—'Doll Hospital. New Babies for Adoption'—that tells the world of her God-given gift. You have seen it on Grandma Andrews' neat little lawn for so long that you have thought she was always as she is now. But Grandma has often remarked: 'There were always little girls and they always loved dolls. I could have been doing my chosen work all my life had I but known. And how much joy one gets in giving of one's gift, for the work it entails is all lost in the pleasure of doing.' "

Anna smiled: "I'd like work of that type, for I too love dolls. I'll always remember Angie, one of my best-loved babies, which came into existence at Grandma Andrews' hospital."

"And too," Mrs. Tremont continued, pursuing her line of thought, "often we spend years of study trying to imitate a gift that we admire in others. When we seemingly have accomplished our desire, it then proves to be ashes in our mouths, or in more familiar terms,

we find we are 'a round peg in a square hole.' That condition is brought about by our following our own will and not God's will for us. That was Tom Ellis's case."

"You mean Mr. Tom Ellis of the Ellis Poultry Farm? He's got no kick coming. Why, he is rich."

"He hasn't any kick coming now, but once he did and also a grouch against the world. For he had finished at great expense a course in mechanical engineering in college; then found that he hated it. He was miserable and a misfit—at home on the meager earnings of his widowed mother—unhappy, and a grouch. Then one day he saw his mother take a setting hen and her dozen little chicks off the nest. He watched the golden little balls of fuzz walking about on their lemon-colored legs and blinking their bright black eyes. The next week he bought a brooder and fifty day-old chicks on credit. That was the beginning but not the end. For he had found his until now hidden God-given gift. He loves his work. As proof he raises scientifically and markets just as scientifically five hundred fryers and roasters every week. This would be slave work to most people, but it is a joy to Tom Ellis.

"And too do you recall your mother and me discussing the true story of a friend of ours? The story was that of a Mrs. Martin, who was doing exactly as you are doing: buying cheap food when God wanted her to have the very best. Through the everyday incident of a letter from a friend asking a favor of her she then found her true calling, that of candymaking. It would be hard labor for some, but it is a joy for her, for she has found the God-given gift, the kingdom of heaven within her, and now many other things that she desired have been added unto her."

The two women stopped at Mrs. Tremont's gate as Anna said: "I wish I could find my hidden gift. If I should, I promise you I'd certainly do a good job of stirring it up."

Simultaneously there came a sharp wail from Bobby and a small crash on the concrete pavement at Mrs. Tremont's feet.

"Betty threw my little doggy," Bobby cried, looking over the side of the carriage. "Oh, she broke its head off."

Mrs. Tremont stooped and picked up the broken toy. The little dog's head was indeed lying a foot from its body. She fitted them back together.

"Too bad," she sympathized with Bobby. "Now if only Grandma Andrews could sew through pottery she could make it as good as new. Where did you buy it, Anna? It is a cute little thing. It has expression."

"I didn't buy it, I——" Suddenly there came a light into Anna Hale's eyes. Then she said, "I'll tell you later where I got it."

A month passed. Mrs. Tremont had seen Anna Hale only once or twice and then at a distance. Then one morning they again met at the market. It was obvious that Anna was purposely waiting for Mrs. Tremont to come. So as Mrs. Tremont was again selecting the best and the freshest of vegetables and fruits, Anna pushed Bobby's and Betty's carriage up alongside of her and greeted her.

"Hello, stranger." Her blue eyes twinkling, she then began to select the choicest merchandise. There was no hesitancy, no bargaining in the course of Anna's shopping this morning. When she had placed her purchases in the carriage with her babies she opened her

purse, and with a nod to Mrs. Tremont to take notice, she then extracted a crisp bill and handed it to the clerk.

"See that," she smiled excitedly at Mrs. Tremont, "I stirred my gift."

Mrs. Tremont was almost as excited as Anna as she exclaimed, "You did? When did you find it? And what is it?"

Anna reached over and took from Bobby's hand a little pottery doggy, the exact counterpart of the one that Betty had smashed.

"I couldn't sew the head back on his little broken neck, so I just made another doggy."

"Made another? You?" Mrs. Tremont could hardly believe her eyes. "You made that cute little toy? Why, Anna, you said that you didn't——"

"Yes, I know. But do you remember that I told you that I'd let you know where I got the one that was broken? Well, I made it too."

On the way home Anna said: "This is the story. In school as a fill-in subject I took pottery making. It never entered my mind that I'd ever really use it, though I liked to model in clay. But instead of making the conventional bowls, vases, and platters, as the other girls did, I made dozens of cute little figures. One Christmas I gave them as gifts to my girl friends for their bedroom corner whatnots. One girl was to be married, and I made her a tiny bride and groom. She used them on her wedding cake. Another girl was a great lover of cats. I made for her a tiny curled-up, sleeping kitten. All the girls in the class and my teacher were always interested in what I turned out of the clay, as I made play out of it instead of work. That day when Betty broke Bobby's doggy—a toy I had made in my carefree days at school—and you said that it

was too bad that Grandma Andrews couldn't fix it, an idea was born.

"After lunch that day, while the babies were taking their nap I went over to my former teacher and told her about my idea. She thought it a good one. That week I molded dozens of little clay favors. She helped me color and bake them. I took them to one of the largest department stores in the city. The buyer in the novelty department was very much interested, and she gave me an order for twelve dozen. Walking on air, I went to another store. There too I got an order. I have worked like a Trojan to fill those orders, and yesterday I delivered them. That bill was in part payment. I have never been so happy and so busy in my life. And, Mrs. Tremont, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for finding my gift for me."

"No, dear. I didn't find it. Your God-given gift was shown to you in your work at high school. You had just neglected it. But it is as I told you. Each of us has a gift to make life full of joy for us—it is just that we don't realize and accept it, so we neglect it and fail to stir it up."

Anna said gratefully: "I'm glad now that you scolded me for buying third-rate produce. But at the time I felt awfully hurt—felt that no one understood or cared how burdened I was. Now I feel free of all those burdens; and the days fly by on wings, where before they dragged tiredly. Now I am never tired. Bobby and Betty love to watch me at my work. I give them clay to mold, and you should see some of their efforts. They are a scream. Maybe I'll make Bobby and Betty into sculptors and they will become famous."

"Not unless God has put the gift of sculpturing into them," Mrs. Tremont said, and then added wisely:

"You may help them to find their gift but they themselves will have to recognize it and stir it up. No one, not even their adoring mother, can stir it up for them."

"That is very true," Anna agreed. "And it is better so. For it brings one so much closer to God, the giver of all good gifts, and makes one so much more appreciative of Him. I'm so glad that you helped me to find mine."

Mrs. Tremont laughed. "As a matter of fact it is not I at all who should be given the credit for that. Your own two babies were the channels through which it was uncovered. For if Betty had not thrown the doggy and if Bobby had not yelled lustily for another, you and I would have been as much at sea as ever."

Anna stooped and kissed the tops of the heads of her children.

"Whoever it was, you or they, I am very, very grateful. But most of all, I am thankful to God for His especial good gift to me."

A While Apart

Out of the world
With its bustle and noise,
Into the silence
For calmness and poise.
Strength for this day
Is given me there,
My own comes to me
In answer to prayer.
Father, I thank Thee!
Not void is Thy word;
Abiding in Thee
I know I am heard.

—FANNY E. CRASS

A Meditation

BY MARION RODGERS

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN.

Thou the one Presence and one Power in the universe. Thou blessed Spirit indwelling in us and manifesting Thyself throughout all creation.

HALLOWED BE THY NAME.

To Thee we bow in humble reverence. Thy truths our tongues proclaim in order that Thine holy name may be known to all mankind and all men may walk Thy path of peace, reflecting Thine infinite love in all our ways.

THY KINGDOM COME.

We are now open and receptive to the deeper truths of Thy kingdom of righteousness. We affirm our will to be guided in all our thinking and, by consciously working out our highest ideas according to our capacity, to bring forth Thine highest idea for us. Let the sanctuary within every living soul be illumined with the light of Thy love, raising all men to the realization that "that which is without" is "as that which is within."

THY WILL BE DONE.

Blessed Spirit, we seek to abide continually in Thy consciousness so that we may realize that Thy will is always for our infinite good. We recognize Thy constant desire to manifest in us Thine image and likeness, and we will that Thy perfection outwork through us, Thy children, according to Thy perfect idea.

IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

O indwelling Father, we Thine earthly children would establish ourselves in Thine heavenly kingdom of righteousness so that the without may be as the within; and this, dear Father, is our goal, that Thy will may be manifested in all mankind and throughout the universe.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

According to our capacity we do now receive of Thee Thy strength, love, and wisdom, which we use and pass on to Thine honor, bringing to us a realization of Thee as our unfailing supply and support. In this consciousness, dear Father, we joyously accept and appropriate Thine unfailing abundant supply of spiritual and material bread.

AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS.

Yes, dear Father, forgive us our separations from Thee in consciousness, wherein we have continued to behold and depend upon outer things as our source of supply. We now call upon Thee, indwelling Spirit, to take complete possession of our heart, our mind, so that we may be led by Thine infallible inspiration "in the realization of the eternal oneness of our mind with Thine."

AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS.

We do now bring to Thee our heart, our mind, willing and anxious to be cleansed of all resentment; and, dear Father, we do in all humility know that Thy forgiveness is vouchsafed unto us even as we have forgiven all those who are resistant to us. Thus we may loose all self-will and personal desires and so stand forth as Thy beloved and obedient children, in whom

is reflected Thy glory to Thine honor and that of all persons concerned.

AND LEAVE US NOT IN TEMPTATION.

Thou dost fill us with Thine infinite faith and strength. We as Thy children would know only righteous ideas and think only Thy thoughts after Thee in order that we may continually abide in the realization of Thy good, the consciousness that knows no evil.

BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

We praise and give thanks to Thee, Father, that we are now ever-enlarging channels of Thy cleansing, freeing, prospering love, which delivers us from all temptation to wrong thinking, from all results of wrong thinking, all sense ideas, and leads us gently to conscious unity with Thee.

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM.

Thy kingdom, place of peace, we would find so that our light may touch the Christ spark in all our contacts and bring to others the desire for Thy light of love and peace, and so do our part in establishing Thy kingdom.

AND THE POWER.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, all-powerful, limitless, eternal, we thank Thee for our realization of ourselves as Thy children, heirs to all that Thou art. For the power of the word that Thou hast intrusted to us, through which Thou wouldst manifest Thyself as unlimited substance.

AND THE GLORY, FOREVER.

The glory ever has been without beginning or ending, everlasting, eternal. Thou art the only one, Thou omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient One.

Family Correspondence

BY GEORGIANA TREE WEST

A LETTER TO THE SON IN CAMP

DEAR SON: I guess you know how eagerly Mother and I look forward to your letters, and you are wondering perhaps why we have delayed in answering the last one. We have both read it a number of times these past few days. Last night we read it again together and together we prayerfully sought divine guidance in answering it. Mother too is writing you today but has asked me to share with you some of my thoughts on a few of the questions that are troubling you, and I only hope that I can write something that will help you to meet this present world situation with better understanding.

You ask, "What is it all about?" You say it all seems so useless and futile; that it is, to use your own words, "a horrible mess." Son, that is certainly the way it looks on the surface, but I can only say that, horrible as it seems, it is a reconstruction process. Do you understand what happens when a mind full of crystallized ideas is confronted by something new? There is an upheaval caused by opposing ideas, and out of it a new order always evolves.

The last twenty-five years have witnessed a steadily increasing conviction that war is an abomination. It is no longer associated with martial airs, waving flags, valorous deeds, honor and glory, but is considered at most a grim necessity when elements of force and selfish domination would ride in the saddle of constituted authority. There have been concerted movements for

peace by various organizations in many countries. After many thousands of years of acceptance of the glory of war and the conviction that might is right, an opposing idea has been steadily gaining ground. This idea of outlawing war and working toward world peace had come to a point of such open expression that it was inevitable that all opposing forces in the race mind should gather together and make a stand against it. It is of no use to blame the Germans or the Russians or the Italians or any other nation that has lined up on the side of the old idea that might is right. They are only the racial groups in which this idea is most firmly fixed, consequently they appear as the aggressors in the present situation.

It is a far greater thing, Son, than a war between nations. It is the tumult and uproar that precedes the establishing of a new idea in the race mind that will result in a new order of living. Chaotic and terrible as it all seems, there is only one inevitable outcome, the triumph of the ideal of liberty, justice, righteousness, and peace. This ideal must be victorious, since it is the inherent right of every individual because of his true spiritual nature. It may take time, but the history of the race has proved that whenever the lower impulses of the race mind have actually come to grips with its higher impulses the latter have emerged victorious sooner or later. This is the history of evolution. If it were not true, we would still be a race of bestial beings.

A number of years ago an issue of one of the popular magazines appeared with an editorial entitled "Only the Good Endures." Those words stood out from the page as I opened the magazine, and for years it has been a great comfort to me to recall them in the face of situations where wrong has seemed triumphant over

right. This may seem cold comfort, Son, but it will at least take the sense of futility out of it all. The greatest help we can offer as individuals is our faith in the ultimate good and our endeavor to keep our own mind free from the same intolerance, prejudice, and hatred that is dominating the aggressors in this situation.

This brings me to that part of your letter in which you speak of your growing hatred for those who are responsible for present world conditions. You have some work ahead of you, Son, in the way of overcoming such feelings. You have been brought up to understand the destructive nature of hatred and all that is allied with it, intolerance, criticism, condemnation. All of this teaching is now being put to the test. You are no longer living in a home where forgiveness and nonresistance are understood to be a necessary application of the law of love in daily living. You have been precipitated into an environment created through the necessity of defense against forces that might disrupt our national unity. Paradoxical as it may seem, you can and must follow the same law of love in this changed environment. Remember when we are obsessed with hatred we unconsciously contribute our support to all the forces of hatred. You know enough about spiritual law to know that this is a fact, and a second equally important fact is that destructive emotion reacts on yourself. It breeds in you a sense of separation from the all-loving, wise, parent Mind, and as a result of that sense of separation all sorts of false and unhappy conditions may appear in your life.

I can almost hear you say as I write, "But, Dad, how in heck can you expect me to love those guys who are making all this trouble for us?" I don't expect you to have a great surge of affection for them, but I do

expect you to try to get and keep a good perspective, a perspective that will help you to understand them better; and with understanding will come compassion rather than hatred.

Let us look at it this way. In any group, social or civic, you are apt to have a "stirrer-upper." Such a person need not necessarily have the qualities or opportunities for greatness but, having the innate ability to stir others up, he becomes a power because he is receptive to forces from other minds. He has a type of mental equipment that makes him a good receiving and broadcasting station for all forces generated in the realm of mind and attuned to his own thinking. Some of those who have ideas similar to his may be too weak to do anything about them, others may be too cowardly, still others too confused. But all contribute their influence, such as it is, to the one who is the receiving station, and this person grows in power and is hailed as the great exponent of the movement. The more persons there are who think and feel his way the more power he has to project his ideas. Forces attuned to him in the realm of mind help to furnish him with the power by which he operates, whether right or wrong. He becomes great, whether right or wrong, because of his ability to receive and broadcast. Others with the same ideas, with better background and more opportunity, do not become great influences because they lack the mental qualities of receptivity and self-confidence—receiving and broadcasting ability—to make them "men of destiny."

"Men of destiny" are always uncannily attuned to their times, always stir up mob psychology, always have an enormous blind following, a following that sees and hears only its own ideas massed into greatness. To sum

it up, Son, we may say that the leaders in this present world difficulty are composites of the desires of innumerable other persons. Lesser individuals project themselves into greater ones and then fight for those whom they have made great, whether they are right or wrong. When they fight for them they are fighting for themselves; their own vibrations are at home with their leaders, absorbed by them. Just as they refuse to recognize and so fiercely defend their own weaknesses, so also they refuse to recognize and proceed fiercely to defend those same weaknesses in their leaders. So don't hate these leaders, for they are only mouthpieces of ideas in the minds of many. Rather have a great compassion for them and for the misguided persons who create such mouthpieces.

Now, Son, it would have been very simple to say to you, "Let the Christ in you behold the Christ in them." That would have been a futile thing for me to do, for I respect your intelligence enough to know that you understand that this Unity phrase, based upon Jesus' teachings, is the solution of all our problems involving our fellow men. You know that just as well as I do, but like myself you need help in getting into the frame of mind in which you can use Truth without rebelling against it. I hope I have helped you get a new point of view, from which you can take this matter into prayer daily and feel your hatred washed away by the forgiving love that comes with greater understanding.

I have saved until the last your most personal problem, Son. You say: "Why should I have to suffer because of conditions that I did not create? Isn't there some way for me to get out of the necessity of giving up my own hopes and plans for this way of living which I so thoroughly dislike that I can't find a happy

moment in it?" Why are you in it, Son? Because we are all members of the human family and so we are all affected by everything that happens in the family. You know how it is here at home; we all share in one another's accomplishments and we all put our shoulder to the wheel to help out when one of us is in difficulty or has done something unwise.

What is true of us in our own little family circle is true of the part we play in the great human family. We certainly benefit by all that our fellow men have done that is worth while. You did not have to put in years of research to discover the laws of electricity, but you do share in the benefits of electricity as light and power in innumerable ways. I could go on in this strain indefinitely, as you well know. Now the converse is equally true. When other members of our human family make mistakes we are all affected to some degree. It behooves us to call upon the resources of the divine heritage that they apparently have forgotten and do our best to right the mistakes. We can only do whatever seems right for us to do at any given time. At present those who are guiding our national destiny believe that a certain measure of preparedness is wise; that is why you are in camp. However I am trusting that there will be no necessity of our entering the war, for I believe that we are to play a far greater part, the part of standing by and binding up the wounds of this blindly fighting world. Somebody has to, and we seem to be the best equipped to do it.

That is all for now, Son. I hope that out of all this you will find something to tie to that will give you a lift out of the sense of confusion and frustration you seemed to be in when you wrote your last letter. You know the value of prayer; you know that it is a neces-

sity in the life of those who would think and act in a way that is true to the spiritual power within them. Your mother is writing you a letter and I know that she will have more to say to you on this subject.

All goes well here. The fact that you are away makes you an even more strongly felt member of our little family group, for we think and talk of you so much. Remember, Son, we are not only thinking and talking about you but praying that you may feel and be obedient to that living, loving, wise parent Mind that created, sustains, and ever guides you. We know you are safe in His care. Your loving

DAD.

A LETTER TO THE FOLKS AT HOME

Dear Folks: Forget the letter I wrote you asking you to pray to get me out of this, Mom. I was so homesick and fed up with doing things I did not want to do—for no good reason that I could see—that I guess I was unreasonable. I know that I wasn't seeing straight. I have just read your letter over again, Mom, and I see what you mean when you say that Unity is not a club to be held over circumstances to force them to be what we want them to be.

What you said in your letter about always being in God's presence and trying to get the good out of every situation made me think of something I once heard a Truth teacher say: "If you have to go through hell, make it pay you." I am beginning to understand what that means, and believe me, I am going to do my best to get something worth while to carry along with me out of this tough spot I find myself in.

Your letter, Dad, sure gave me plenty to think about. It's going to take me some time to digest it

thoroughly, but already I have a new slant on things. I guess you always have to tear down the old before you can make way for the new. They are building a new road to the camp, and it sure does look like one great mess right now. I was thinking about it after getting your letter, Dad, and I got downright poetic! How's this for a thought?

"The road uptorn does not spell chaos. Barricades and red lanterns do but predicate the road that is to be."

I sure surprised myself having a thought like that, especially that "predicate"—wonder where I picked that up! Anyhow there it is. It just came to me, and I believe it shows that I got the idea in your letter.

To go back to that prayer business, Mom, I read the other night that one time Abe Lincoln told a clergyman that he wasn't at all concerned with praying that the Lord be on his side; but he was most eager that he be on the Lord's side, because the Lord was always on the right side! I didn't think much of it at the time but, since reading your letter, it comes back to me and I see that it is going to be my job now to try to keep myself on the "right side." I am sure going to need help, and I know you and Dad will be praying with me, not that I may be got out of this but that I may have the understanding and the strength to go through with it in the right way. I will use the thought you gave me to live with, Mom: "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me." Isn't there another thought somewhere in the Bible that says something like this: "God is my strength and power, and He makes my way perfect?" Seems to me I've heard you say that, and it will sure help me to remember that the helper I need is always with me and can show me the right thing to do.

You have both helped me to see that I am not a

victim of circumstances but a necessary part of a tremendous situation, and I thank you for it. The things I do daily may not seem very important, but I know now that I am helping things along by doing them. Best of all, I feel no end lifted by realizing more than ever before what a strong influence I can be through prayer and right thinking. I'll do my best, I promise.

Your loving SON.

IN QUIET PLACES

By Dedie Huffman Wilson

Be glad, heart-weary, for the simple things:
  For range of mountains lit with gleaming snows,
  For lakes and woodland depths where silence flows
Like an exultant song! For whisperings
Of peace where ragged pine trees pray! Rejoice
  That thoughts may come to rest by quiet streams,
  Where sun and shadows merge and little dreams
Are born; where faith comes near with singing voice.

Who seeks shall find endurance from old trees.
  Who kneels with waiting heart shall catch the sound
  Of bladed beauty pushing through the ground;
Shall find release from dull finalities.
  Who seeks shall find the ancient gods again
  In cloistered places—and his God within!

The Living Bible

BY GEORGE M. LAMSA

THE BIBLE IS the greatest religious drama in the history of mankind, a drama in which both spiritual and material man are dramatically and vividly portrayed. It is a sacred book through which we see the footsteps of God and His marvelous work. Nothing in any age has surpassed it, and nothing has taken its place as a source of inspiration and consolation. To its leaves, which contain the words of life, men and women have turned through the centuries for comfort, healing, and guidance. Indeed the Bible as sacred literature has been an inexhaustible fountain of living water from which humanity continues to drink; a fortress in which men and women take refuge when the material world fails them. Then again the Bible is not just a book of past history. Its miracles and wonders are performed today just as of yore.

Empires have come and gone, new dynasties have taken the place of old ones, new religions have been founded with a new message for seeking humanity and old ones discarded, new shrines have been built and the old ones forgotten but the Bible still stands as a living witness of God's Truth, His works, miracles, and wonders in the past. In its leaves, whether they be of skin or paper, are treasured most vital and sacred human memories and experiences. Nothing has been able to obliterate these memories that the Bible has so deeply engraved on human hearts. The splendor of Nineveh, Babylon, and Greece has become ancient history, and some of it has even been forgotten, but the Bible still

remains a new and inspiring book to every new generation that comes into our world, and a means of salvation and comfort to the generations that depart with faith and understanding of spiritual life.

Its style is Oriental, vivid, unique, its message courageous and direct, its laws expressive and unequivocal. They read: "Thou shalt not kill." "Thou shalt not steal." "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." They contain neither but's nor if's. This is because the writers of this holy book were sincere and inspired by the Holy Spirit; they relied on God in giving humanity a lasting law. Again they discarded all political expediences and were not interested in themselves but in humanity in general.

This great book, which for many centuries has been the subject of disputes and controversies among the learned, was revealed in the semidesert lands on the edge of the Arabian Desert, lands with few trees and growing plants that add to the comfort of this life, where luxuries are unknown, but where the blue sky is supreme and where God's glory and His majesty are so abundantly and miraculously revealed through myriads of stars. It is this strange contrast between the arid desert and the harmonious and majestic sky that helped to inspire the men of God and made them realize the omnipotence of God, His omnipresence, and His love and relation to His creations. The prophets of God also saw that this life is only a preparation for a larger life. This is why the Psalmist cried,

"What is man, that thou art mindful of him?
And the son of man, that thou visiteth him?
For thou hast made him but little lower than God,
And crownest him with glory and honor."

It is this mystic sight into the inner and spiritual world

that inspired and enabled the prophets to see the weakness of this material world, to teach righteousness, to prophesy for the future, and to write a book in which they became immortals.

One of the amazing things about the Bible is that some of its authors were men who had never attended schools of higher learning and who lived at a time when writing was in its infancy and paper unknown. Persecuted and handicapped as they were, they became the authors of a book that has become the foundation of our social and economic order, whose laws have become the laws of all men and women who strive to follow in the path of righteousness and who seek guidance, understanding, prosperity, and harmony.

Simple as it is, the Bible unfortunately continues to be the subject of controversy in our universities, seminaries, and churches. This is because to a great many people the Bible is a book of mysteries. Others take it literally and fail to understand its inner meaning. Still others look on it as a book of magic. Many portions of the Bible contain visions and revelations. When a writer says that God appeared to Abraham, Moses, Jonah, or Daniel, he means He appeared in visions. Thus many events in the Bible took place in visions during the night.

The secret of the Bible's profoundness lies in the fact that its authors did not rely on their mortal mind but instead on divine inspiration, which moved and guided them to produce a living literature to appeal to the people of all races and colors throughout the ages. Nor were the writers mindful of human honors, which often interfere with the acceptance of the truth, and material remuneration, which is perishable. They denied themselves the comforts of the physical life. They

thought in terms of the future. They were interested in the generations that were to be born centuries after their own bodies had turned to dust. This is also true of all inspired religious leaders who have given all for the sake of their fellow men. Their writings have inspired and uplifted countless millions of men and women and lead them into the path of truth and into the green pastures.

Many people fail to realize why there are errors in the English Bible. To some people it is unbelievable that the inspired Word of God should contain errors. There are people who do not know that the English Bible is a translation of a translation. It is true that the Bible, in its original language, hardly contains any errors, and its contents are well understood. On the other hand, the prophets and the Bible writers who were inspired and moved to write in Hebrew and Aramaic (the language they spoke) cannot be held responsible for mistranslations that occurred thousands of years after their death just as English writers are not responsible for the mistranslations of their works into Turkish, Arabic, and other languages. English and many other languages into which the Bible has been translated were not in existence when the Bible was written.

Let us remember therefore that the Bible was inspired and written in the languages which the common people in Palestine, Syria, and Mesopotamia spoke, wrote, and understood. The writers were Semites who were born and reared in the East. Therefore the Bible contains parables, idioms, metaphors, amplifications, and manners of expression that are characteristic of Oriental speech and writing and that are alien to Western thought. The idioms in the Bible, some of which sound harsh and difficult, were fully understood and are still

understood by the people who speak Semitic languages, just as American idioms are understood by Americans. When the writer of the Books of Samuel says that David slew "his ten thousands," he simply means that David killed many people.

Mistranslations, obscurities, and contradictions in the Bible are due to the effort to transmit the thought from one language into another. This difficulty is well recognized by all Biblical authorities as well as translators of international documents and treaties. Indeed it is a difficult task to render the words of a Semitic language spoken 1000 B. C. in a modern European tongue, especially when the translator cannot speak the language from which he translates. There are numerous Oriental idioms and expressions that lose their meaning when translated literally into other languages. Parables and figures of speech often lose their original meaning and convey the wrong meaning to the reader when translated without a knowledge of the background of Eastern customs.

Since childhood I have been reading the Scriptures in Aramaic and have never come across an error, contradiction, or ambiguity, nor have I been puzzled over idioms and manners of speech which are clear to an Oriental, just as American idioms are clear to an American but obscure and even mysterious to foreigners.

It was through the difficulties I confronted when hearing some of the English idioms that I became aware of the mistranslation of many idioms in the Bible, which have been rendered literally by men who were unfamiliar with Oriental speech. For instance, when I once read in an American newspaper that a famous baseball player "died" on third base, I took it for granted that he had died of heart trouble while running.

Six years later I was mystified to learn that the same baseball player had signed a contract to play another season. On another occasion I could not understand why the price of a room with board should be higher than one without board. At that time "board" meant only one thing to me, a plank. Once I was startled when I read that a government navy yard and a large department store were to "fire" men and women. This happened just after the World War and I took it for granted that these men and women would be shot. Only a few years ago I learned the meaning of other American expressions that had always sounded to me more miraculous than some of the Biblical ones: "He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth." "He was in a pickle." Indeed to scholars in Asia and parts of Europe who acquire their English in their native countries, these idioms would be puzzles and would be taken as describing wonders.

All languages have idioms and colloquialisms. Writers and speakers use them especially when addressing the public in general. Likewise in the New Testament one finds some sayings that are hard to understand; for instance, "If thy right hand causeth thee to stumble, cut it off." This means that if you have the habit of stealing, give it up. "If thy right eye causeth thee to stumble, pluck it out." Which means if you have the habit of envy, do away with it. "The star . . . went before them." Which means that the wise men followed in the direction of the star when traveling in the desert, as Easterners do today. "Suffer me first to go and bury my father" means "Let me take care of my old father until he dies." "Thou whited wall" means "Oh, you hypocrite!" "If possible, ye would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me" means

that you would have deprived yourself to help me if necessary. All these sayings are simple and are well understood by illiterate people who speak Aramaic, and they never puzzled Jesus' disciples and His followers. Years later the people of other countries took them literally to mean that they should have their arms cut off and their eyes plucked out. Consequently thousands of men and women inflicted injuries on their bodies because of these sayings.

Correction of the mistranslations in the Bible does not in any way weaken the Book but rather removes doubt and strengthens its message. The Bible or Word of God should not contain any obscurities or contradictions, nor should it be considered a book of mystery, magic or sorcery. Jesus refused to perform magic when the Jews challenged Him to show them a sign. Sincere Bible readers who seek the truth have been aware of these difficulties in the Bible translations and are cognizant that such errors often obscure the truth.

The miracles of healing and some other wonders that the Bible contains stand as they have stood. Nothing can weaken these. Nevertheless there are some wonders that are due to mistranslation. For instance, the Bible in the original language tells us of Moses boring in a rocky place or discovering a hidden well, but the English translation speaks of striking a rock (Num. 20:11). "Moses . . . smote the rock" is an expression like the English saying "They struck oil." They struck water. Moses was guided by God to find water, just as Hagar was led to find the well when she prayed to God for water so that her son might not perish. The place where Moses struck is called "beer"; that is, a well. The writer of the Book of Numbers tells us that this well was dug in the sand by princes

with their staves under the direction of Moses.

Jesus healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, raised the dead and fed the hungry. These miracles I believe can be performed if one tries to live close to Jesus Christ and attains a small portion of the faith in God that He had attained. Many of them have been performed by men and women who understood the law of God and who have found a key to the hidden spiritual forces.

Therefore I believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God and that its miracles and wonders are true, not so much because they are recorded in the Bible but because they are demonstrated today by Christian men and women in all parts of the world. These demonstrations are the greatest proofs of the living Christ and His works in the past. What was done at the Sea of Galilee can be done in any place at any time, providing one has faith and understands the law of God and makes contact with spiritual forces. Indeed some of the greatest achievements accomplished by great men and women in our day owe their origin to the spiritual guidance and directions derived from the Bible. Most of what we find that is good today is the blessing that has come from the teaching of Jesus. Our schools, universities, and other higher institutions of learning were primarily established to propagate the Christian gospel. Our modern discoveries are the fruits of man's quest for spiritual understanding. The material blessings are the rewards of those who have labored unceasingly for the kingdom of heaven and its righteousness. Jesus told his disciples to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and the other things would be given to them. Only when one seeks God's reign and harmony can he find peace, under-

standing, prosperity, happiness, and all good.

The Bible continues to be the inexhaustible store of spiritual ideas that are the key to harmony and understanding, and a living source to which weary souls can turn when everything else fails. Today as heretofore people are turning to this great book for comfort and consolation. The material world seems to have been shattered, and trust in the arm of man has become disillusioned. The world is seeking something more tangible than material things. There are many who have derived spiritual help, prosperity, and consolation from the Bible. To these people what is most important in the Bible is the truth that is embodied there. It is the truth that counts and not isolated events. It does not matter whether Jonah was actually swallowed by a whale or that the story of his adventure in the sea took place in a vision. However we may learn a great lesson from Jonah's reluctance to obey God's order. We are in trouble or "in a pickle" whenever we know the truth and fail to accept it, or close our ears to the voice of God.

The Bible is full of events, some of which are actually historical, while some were recited as parables by writers engaged in conveying their message to a simple people who spoke in figures. Others were events that took place in visions. All of these were recorded in this great book as lessons to all mankind. One must relieve his mind of all literalism of Pharisees and priests in order to discover the key to the truths contained in this book. One must put away the false cloak of priests and Pharisees and wear the mantle of truth in order to receive the blessings which the Bible contains and the cures that are imported through its words of truth and life.

Fulfilling the Laws of Happiness

A PERFECT BODY

BY EVERETT M. WEBBER

NO ONE WAS ever healed except by Divine Mind. It may be invoked through antiseptics, physics, pain killers, or operations. But how much simpler it is to say, "Peace! Peace!" and let the mighty God force behind those words effect the cure directly.

How risky it is to narrow the healing channel down to the size of a dose of medicine. For, as Charles Fillmore says, when we live outside the body instead of in the kingdom within it, it may slip away from us on the slightest pretext.

Pain killers and panaceas hit at the effects of disease. It is like dipping water out of a filling tub instead of turning off the faucet. God dips out the water and turns off the faucet too; that is, removes both cause and effect. Material remedies often help because of the faith back of them. The placebo—the sugar pill given when patients crave something—is administered for every conceivable condition. It removes pain, puts the patient to sleep, effects mighty cures. It is God, who comes out through any channel through which we will let Him come, who is eager to let us realize ourselves according to His perfect idea of us, according to the perfect image—the image that existed in Divine Mind—by which we were created.

God is perfect. We are perfect, being in His image. In the Father there is no variation. Accordingly in us there is no true variation. Any seeming one is an error condition, brought there because there has been "a

shadow cast by turning": our turning. All pain and weakness is a result of conscious or unconscious violation of divine law. No one is ever burnt without coming in contact with something hot. Divine law says fire will burn unless, by some precaution, we keep it from burning. The whole of divine law is this, that we love God with every atom of our being and our neighbor as ourself. If we do this, we shall never be ill.

Christ said, "I came that they may have life, and may have *it* abundantly." And there is this: "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, he that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall give life also to your mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwelleth in you." "It is the spirit that giveth life." "The words . . . are spirit, and are life." "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy healing shall spring forth speedily." "Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly father is perfect."

Nowhere did Christ refuse to heal. Nowhere does He refuse to heal today. He asks just what He did then, only that we have faith, that we "Fear not, only believe." For the bodily healing without the spiritual vision is perhaps worthless. The healed one would be back in the rut of illness immediately, just as the child, given a thousand dollars, would be rid of it in a week, besides perhaps being the worse for having had it.

But even realizing that God sees us as perfect and knowing that perfect health is naturally ours, too many of us are manifesting sickness and pain and bodily weakness. Realizing that they are entirely erroneous does not make these things any less troublesome or painful, but it does make them easier to banish. We banish them by making contact with God and invoking Divine Mind to bring healing into manifestation.

All things spring from primal cause. You are a part of it and a manifestation of it. Every manifestation is a working out of a divine idea through the human mind. If our contact with Divine Mind is deliberate, if we are aware of it, our manifestations will come easier, more quickly, in greater perfection.

The union with God Mind is made just as Jesus made it, by meditation, by prayer in the silence, by one's being still and knowing that God is God and that there is none other, either now or before or afterward.

When contact is made, God force is readily invoked and can and may be used to change anything that has intelligence, which is everything. For "do not I fill heaven and earth? saith Jehovah." There is intelligence in the animate and in the inanimate, in flesh and in stone and in bread.

These "inanimate" things, with their myriad whirling atoms are directed by the innate intelligence given them by the Father. Stone atoms act like stone atoms and bread atoms like bread atoms, but they will work with human intelligence rightly applied. Christ worked with this intelligence, proved the power of mind when feeding the multitudes, when quieting the waves. Water atoms obediently changed their structure to those of wine atoms at His command.

If the "inanimate" has intelligence enough to respond, how much more easily will the pulsing intelligence of your flesh respond! Your mind, working with God, has complete control over your body. Five million red corpuscles could hide behind a grain of sugar. Yet tiny as they are, each is eager to manifest health if it is not burdened with unhealth. Each cell is intelligent, always manifesting after the spirit active in it.

Have you ever said to yourself as an excuse of some

sort, "I have a headache"—and had one? This is not uncommon. One person, to avoid an onerous duty, laughingly said: "I guess I couldn't be there. I feel as if I'll be down with the measles along about then." There were no measles about. Yet the person became acutely ill with the ailment. Charles Fillmore remarks that even a disease germ has the intelligence to come when called. It should therefore be given no name, nor should diseases be referred to by their medical names, for this only strengthens their ego, makes them more virulent.

There is no imperfection but in the mind of man. God sees us as perfect. Knowing the nature of life, using God's vision, which we know to be the true one, the only real one, we can easily see ourselves as perfect. It is to our vision, regardless of what it is, that our body adjusts itself. "As he [man] thinketh within himself, so is he."

That is why Christ said that man must answer for his every idle word. "My throat is sore." The thought is recorded in the nervous system, and the throat is weakened to the extent that the words have impressed the mind. By our words we decree a thing and it is established unto us.

Death was rapidly approaching a patient who, because of mixed clinical records, was informed that she was in the last stages of an incurable disease. The mistake was discovered. She immediately recovered. A man thought himself bitten by a rattlesnake and was unconscious, dying of the proper symptoms, when help finally arrived and revived him. Investigation showed that in taking a photograph he had backed into a thorn bush, rattling its leaves and getting pricked.

It is not odd that the body should show the exact

symptoms of a suspected disease. If you see smoke from your part of the town and a friend rushes up exclaiming that your house is burning, you will suffer exactly the same distress whether the report is true or false.

If it is now firmly established in your mind that illness is an error thought, you are ready to practice healing.

All that we ever accomplish in healing is accomplished through faith. What did Jesus say when news came that Jairus's daughter had already died? "Fear not, only believe."

Be not afraid. Only believe and the illness can do nought but pass away. Let us reflect again that He is all in all: our life, our body, our health, our realization of Him, our realization of health. He is our desire for health and the fulfillment of that desire.

Yet He will give health only to those who accept it willingly. Jesus healed no man against his will nor refused any who desired healing. We have the leading of Spirit, and Spirit supplies us with health that is ours for the taking. We take it by expressing God's idea through our own mind, and that idea is wholeness and order, manifested through love.

Since God substance—in this instance, health—must come through Spirit into mind and hence into the rest of the body, mind and spirit will have to be first in proper condition. To take health and healing from the spiritual plane and forget their God source is to run the grave risk of losing them entirely, and so completely that they cannot be found again.

To prepare the mind then the patient must constantly recall that God sees him only as perfect creation of Divine Mind. The divine idea, conceiving us

at its own inception at the beginning, is still the same, perfect and unchangeable. Let us say, "God sees me as His perfect child, perfect in mind, body, soul, and spirit."

But you may be healed with only the most partial understanding of this truth, for who can say, even you yourself, that your understanding is much or little?

When our mind is attuned to limitless Mind through prayer and meditation, we do His works by means of the word, spoken aloud or in the silence or in the heart without our even being conscious of it. We heal instantaneously by believing that we are whole. The boy was not healed—"Because of your little faith," Jesus told the disciples. Jesus Christ healed at a word. "I believe," said the man; "help thou mine unbelief." That is where we need the most help, in our unbelief.

If you have not yet consciously practiced divine healing, your faith will be quickened by recalling some act that you have accomplished by the word, such as that of a child who has outdone himself to live up to your praise of him.

In bringing your body to perfection, bless the affected part as whole and watch it manifest wholeness. Bless the body as you do the empty purse. Health will quicken with the quickening power of God in you.

"Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." "Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear." So with the other parts of the body. "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." "I will; be thou made clean." "Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment." To judge according to the appearance of sickness is to judge God as lacking in perfection. He will be too intelligent to care,

but you cannot receive more from Him than you see in Him.

Do not be discouraged if perfect health is not quickly manifested. Continue to work according to the law. If you start somewhere, you do not turn back when halfway there because the destination has not been reached. You know that if you keep going on the right road you will reach the goal for which you started.

"Whosoever . . . shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that what he saith cometh to pass; he shall have it."

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ALWAYS

By Della Adams Leitner

"I knew that thou hearest me always"
In sorrow, in sickness and pain;
These words of the Master have helped me,
Brought comfort again and again.
"I knew that thou hearest me always"
In moments of trembling and doubt;
When fear and temptation assailed me,
This knowledge has put them to rout.

"I knew that thou hearest me always."
Death or anguish has never deferred
The help Christ assures as He answers
Our prayers by His health-giving word.
"Come forth" from the grave and its bondage;
Come forth, be renewed, and be free;
"I knew that thou hearest me always";
New life is now flowing through me.

Healing Your Financial Problems

BY RICHARD LYNCH

THERE ARE just as definite laws governing the demonstration of prosperity as there are governing physical healing. To all who work in harmony with these laws no good thing is denied. Many a man is puzzled to find himself lacking supply when others, seemingly less intelligent, are able to accumulate wealth. Failure of any sort is due primarily to disregard of Principle, and those who are earnestly seeking reasons for their lack of abundance should inquire into the workings of divine law.

No mechanical invention exists nor any alchemy by which base metals can be miraculously transmuted into gold overnight. There is however an established principle with which to begin this transformation, and there is but one way and that is to discover the cause. I list this in the same category as that of physical distress. I know there are many who will disagree with me; those who are hesitant about trusting God with their material supply, although they willingly place their bodily ills and disturbed minds in His hands.

The old idea of poverty as some sort of virtue or divine trial of character must be abandoned. It is far from disgraceful to own few possessions, but it is certainly wrong to encourage a poverty habit of thought and to continue to lack either strength, good will, friends, or needful supply. Such expressions of spiritual ignorance are grave handicaps in the business of living.

Those who wince at the idea of associating God with material supply, as though such an association were

blasphemous, are yet anxious to overtake fortune, even if they cannot bring themselves to connect it with anything spiritual. They must learn to know that opulence, properly understood, frees the spirit from hampering, demoralizing conditions of slavery to lack and want and is often an insurance against disease and crime.

People are usually disappointed when they are told the first step toward healing their finances. I know it is bewildering to be told that what underlies material manifestation is spiritual substance and that an abundant share of this must begin in mind; furthermore that it will not come by longing and wishing for money and the things money can buy, nor by concentrating on certain sums with which to pay bills or buy a home or give to charity; but rather by gaining a positive conviction of universal, infinite substance, which underlies all visible expression: the clear realization of God as the substance of the universe and therefore the substance of every human need.

We demonstrate only what we hold in consciousness, and when we image negative ideas in thought, they come forth and are manifested in our affairs. In like manner we establish a rich consciousness in the outer life. Abundance is demonstrated quickly when we have learned to live in the rich consciousness of a world of reality. Those whose activities lie principally in the domain of shifting human experiences are sure to be overtaken by the race belief in poverty and disaster.

All states of lack, limitation, and loss are mental states primarily and are prevalent because men have wandered away from the underlying principle of substance. These states are the outpicturing of pinched, dwarfed ideas of fear and lack in mind, and can be overcome only by thoughts that are fearless and positive.

Some will take exception to the statement that lack is a spiritual blight; yet we know that it is a result of negative conditions in the mind and that the mental condition must be corrected before a manifestation of better things can be expected.

You may resent it as unsympathetic or ridiculous, but the fact remains that neither people nor conditions are holding back your good. The fault lies somewhere within yourself. There is no healing for you in the shaking, shifting conditions of human opinion. You have seen governments overthrown and political and economic panic take possession of men's minds. Things you once considered stable and permanent are swaying, tottering, and collapsing. You can never accomplish your security by joining in the discontent and discouragement surrounding you or by identifying yourself with anything that is perishable and changeable. And if you say it is impossible to ignore these conditions at a time when lack of supply is confronting humanity on every hand and continually presenting the unemployment situation surely you must see that that is the time to seek a remedy. When both sociology and political economy have failed to point out any legitimate cause for the lack that holds the world in its clutches, why not search for it in the light of Truth?

The Truth is that all lack of good is lack of God. Separation from God or good in the mental realm causes separation from good in the material realm. To realize this and through correct perception and constructive thinking to unite ourselves with God is to become one with the good that He is, the good that takes form in a truly permanent condition of healing: the good that reconstructs our affairs. We have learned that "faith apart from works is dead" as regards physical well-

being; we must know also that believing *and* acting are necessary in achieving supply. In order to produce concrete results "works" must follow faith in affairs as well as in the physical body.

Jesus taught continually that man is free from lack and want, that he need not be anxious or afraid. There is a tremendous need for the revival of the science that He practiced, for it covers all man's requirements and is a panacea for the impoverished condition that has come to be so emphasized in the consciousness of the race. To comprehend and practice the teachings of the Master would put an end to lack of whatever nature. To know that all the substance of God is ours is to cast off the sense of want and lift up the consciousness to the source of all good, thus reaching the very heart of infinite supply.

The Bible contains many promises of plenty for those who fulfill certain conditions. "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." "Be not . . . anxious for the morrow." "Seek ye first his kingdom . . . and all things shall be added." Jesus knew how to add supply whenever it was needed, yet He did not choose to burden Himself with the care of a great fortune. His advice on this subject has been widely misinterpreted as a disapproval of wealth. When He was asked by one who "had great possessions," "What lack I yet?" His reply was meant to emphasize the fact that things should not come first in the mind of their possessor.

The positive assurance of Jesus that "all things that the Father hath" were His made Him independent of the responsibility connected with the ownership of many "things." It is interesting to note that the prophets and teachers who were able to demonstrate supply at

any time invariably chose simple ways of living for themselves. I do not wish to be misunderstood regarding this. The simple life of those days was far removed from the simple life of our time, with its comforts. Conditions are very different; civilization increases human needs. But "all . . . that the Father hath" is still ours to draw upon for all our needs.

Our problems have deep roots in our human consciousness, and the taproot, belief in lack, must be eradicated. Students often tell me that they find it simpler to demonstrate physical healing than freedom from "anxious" thought regarding tomorrow's supply. I know we find it easier to relax and trust in a higher power to restore physical health. I believe this is because we always to a certain extent subconsciously depend upon the body to right itself, with the aid of a vast reserve of natural strength, all of which appears to be lacking in the correction of impaired supply.

I realize too how extremely difficult it is to relax in the midst of clamoring bills and the crying needs of dear ones. Anxiety and worry hold the attention and blot out a vision of the infinite abundance that is always present to provide for those needs when it is confidently trusted. Consciousness of present lack and limitation causes mental tension and paralyzes the mind so that the stream of plenty cannot flow freely and naturally into manifestation.

One current creates another. Plenty must be in the mind before it can be realized in the material world. Constant concentration upon a diminishing bank account or an empty purse leads the mind to think of supply as a material thing and discourages the growth of spiritual abundance. Visualizing sums of money as appearing at certain fixed times limits both the supply

of good and the time of its expression. Here again I know it is difficult to think constructively with lack and want staring one in the face. Yet it has been done, and what has been done can be done again by those who have the will to persevere.

Thought is the substance of all material things as well as the foundation of all that is spiritual. It is not one of a group of faculties; it is the essence of every mental activity, including all faculties, because it is the basis or foundation of them all. Things are thoughts made real, and the truer the thought the more perfect its actualized counterpart will be. Your world and its conditions are not going to change unless you yourself make the mental effort to change them by learning to think creatively, in terms that make for practical, constructive expression.

You have the power to choose your thoughts. Are you going to make them positive and constructive or negative and destructive? Negative thought, like disease, is fundamentally the result of ignorance. It is a contagious disease, but each person possesses the means of immunity in positive, constructive thought. You may banish forever your negative beliefs by putting other beliefs in their place. I grant you, this is not always easy, yet it is a simple process; and when you realize that it means the healing of certain conditions in your life, it should be an easy way to accomplish what you so earnestly desire.

It is dangerous to give way to mental enemies when you have the weapon of positive, affirmative thoughts with which to overcome them. Your beliefs feed upon your thoughts and feelings. When you withdraw the substance, they perish for lack of nourishment. As long as you feed your negative belief in hard times with

thoughts of lack and feelings of fear it is going to "grow by what it feeds on." Thus you see how impossible it is to heal results without first eradicating causes.

The Bible is filled with "Fear nots" covering every situation and circumstance in human experience. Christianity provides man with an unfailing remedy for fear in its emphasis upon the protecting goodness that is always ready to sustain when it is thoroughly trusted. Fear leads its victim to the acute state of negativity known as self-pity. Its effect impoverishes its victims; for it checks true human sympathy because of the selfish concentration it expresses. One who views his own disappointments as unique personal misfortunes loses not only his own perspective but that of humanity as well.

The victim of self-pity invariably suspects people and conditions of being against him, and certainly that which he fears does come upon him. Through his own habits of thought he erects barriers between himself and the good that would otherwise reach him in the form of friends and opportunities. Even his prayer asks that his own will be done in the way he has planned it, without regard to the universal design. Because nothing comes his way he feels that his rightful deserts are being withheld from him, and each new disappointment convinces him that injustice is being dealt out to him. If he were told that the one thing he lacks is readiness to sacrifice his store of self-pity and belief in injustice, he would go away sorrowful, for he has "great possessions" along those lines.

Fear is also a relative of hoarding, and by hoarding I do not mean storing up money and hiding it away. Money can be hoarded even while it is being spent,

through one's reluctance to part with it. It is the "cheerful giver" that is blessed in his giving, through release of mental tension, which opens up the supply channels. There are those who have great possessions yet who impoverish themselves by giving, because they cannot really "let go" of their material wealth. There are others, who seem to own very little, who enrich themselves by even the smallest expenditure, because they know that "the one base thing in the eternal scheme is to render no return," that there is some spending that they cannot afford not to afford.

Why is it that so many people are more concerned with getting than with giving? Wanting something for nothing and getting it, they fail to appreciate it. If riches are to bring us happiness we cannot obtain them by grasping and hoarding but by wisely using and generously giving that which we have.

There truly is an all-providing law of increase that, if complied with, supplies every need. Enough can never be said about the value of gratitude as an attribute in the manifestation of plenty.

Comparatively few have understood the working principle that lies back of praise and thanksgiving. We might study the Book of Psalms to great advantage in this connection. Underlying its lyrics there are laws of plenty. Whatever the poet's dominant theme may have been, each poem reaches a climax of ecstatic gratitude of spirit, not so much because of what God has done as for what He is; not because of what has already been manifested but because of what has been prepared for those who love and praise God.

Gratitude is much more than an emotional release; it belongs in the category of practical things. It is a force of accumulation, a positive motive force. Expressing

it in praise and thanksgiving is a magnet whose power is to attract and increase everything it contacts. It is a liberation of spirit to which spirit responds, with results that tend to perpetuate themselves. Praise and thanksgiving are positive attitudes of mind, infallible solvents of those destructive forces which are creating your problems.

If you would solve your problems, remember that true appreciation of God's gifts is a recognition of your relationship to Him and to the limitless resources that you may contact at any time, in any place. Learn to give thanks in advance. Thanksgiving is a powerful remedy whose basic element is faith, faith in an eternal goodness from which all things proceed. Based upon this faith which anticipates the fulfillment of promised good, thanksgiving is bound to be accumulative. Magnetize your life with praise, and let your daily meditation be "Father, I thank thee."

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HEALING THOUGHT

I am realizing with Jesus Christ that God is the health of His people, and I am made whole.

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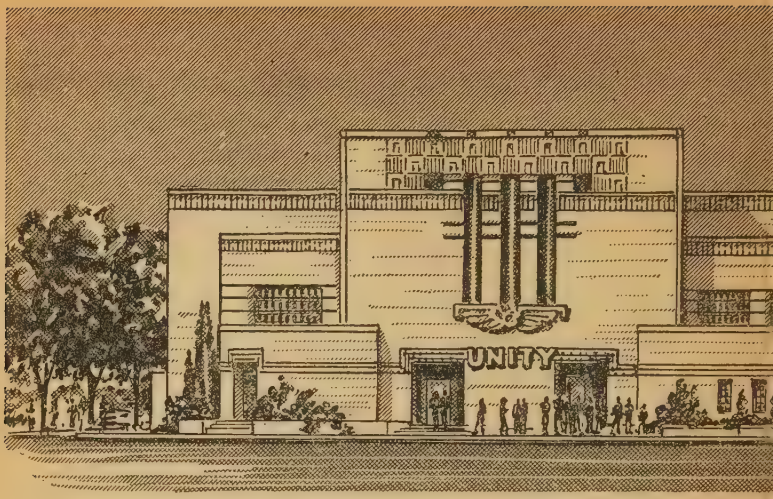

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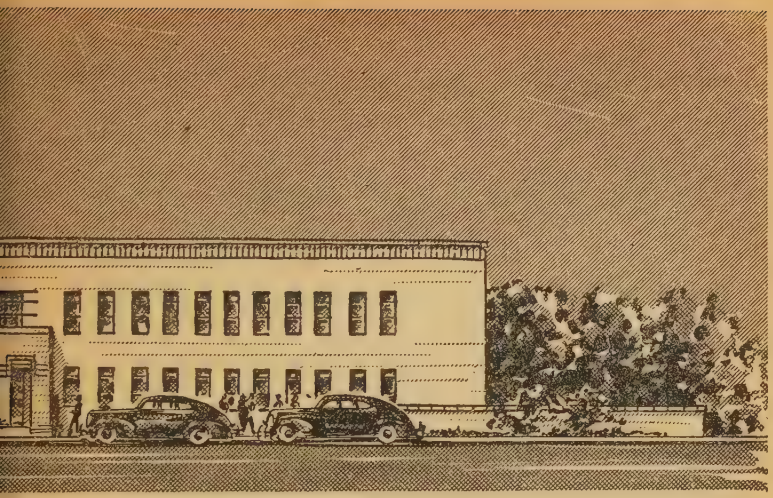

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Lesson 1, July 6, 1941

UNITY SUBJECT—*Zeal and Enthusiasm.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*The Gospel Is Taken into Europe.*—Acts 16:6-15.

6. And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden of the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia;

7. And when they were come over against Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia; and the Spirit of Jesus suffered them not;

8. And passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

9. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There was a man of Macedonia standing, beseeching him, and saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10. And when he had seen the vision, straightway we sought to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel unto them.

11. Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace, and the day following to Neapolis;

12. And from thence to Philippi, which is a city of Macedonia, the first of the district, a *Roman* colony: and we were in this city tarrying certain days.

13. And on the sabbath day we went forth without the gate by a river side, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down, and spake unto the women that were come together.

14. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple,

of the city of Thyatira, one that worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened to give heed unto the things which were spoken by Paul.

15. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Come over into Macedonia, and help us.*—Acts 16:9.

SILENT PRAYER—*I give myself heart and soul to the cause of Truth.*

Good work requires devoted effort, constancy, and enthusiasm. Without these it becomes monotonous drudgery. With them it becomes a calling or a mission according to the degree of zeal and enthusiasm with which one carries it on.

He who devotes himself to the gaining of understanding has within himself sufficient cause for enthusiasm. To have emerged from the barren, fruitless state of dull routine (Phrygia), in which one has no real interest in what one does, is a distinct gain. All who have finished with it are much better off. Likewise the state of mind in which one acknowledges one's unreadiness to hear or speak the word of Truth (Galatia) should be a passing one. To settle into indifference to Truth is to miss true success and happiness. Enthusiasm rules out indifference and makes life the glorious adventure it was meant to be.

Those who wish to progress spiritually must leave behind them the old, decayed, outworn material ideas that hold them bound in narrowness and mental darkness. The consciousness that harbors these ideas is represented by Asia, a name that stands for the inner realm of life and thought. Paul and Silas were for-

bidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia, and had to pass by Mysia and Bithynia also without giving their message to the people.

When one is through with indifference, lack of interest, and negation in general, one begins to ask what is worthy of one's devotion. Since materialism and superficial thinking leave one unsatisfied, one looks for a deeper meaning in life, a reasonable explanation of its mystery. With persistent seeking comes clearer insight into the Truth of Being. Paul and Silas arrived at length to Troas (bored through, penetrated). Here Paul in a dream or vision by night received the call to carry the news of the Christ into Macedonia. "Come over into Macedonia, and help us."

Macedonia means "burning," "adoration," and represents the fervor of spirit that lifts man's interest to the pitch where it becomes zeal. The various stages through which we pass from negation to zeal and enthusiasm are represented by the cities visited in order by Paul and Silas. Samothrace (height, distinguished, prominent) represents a high, noble state of thought, and outside this state enthusiasm cannot be aroused, since uplift is an essential part of it.

Neapolis means "new city," "restored city," and represents the center of action in consciousness. To "make a straight course" to Neapolis refers to the truth that he who concentrates on the accomplishment of his purpose will surely achieve it. Philip (lover of horses) represents man's power faculty. Without power man is spiritless, and enthusiasm finds no root in his mind. As he devotes himself, mind, body, and soul, to the object of his love and devotion he develops power as well as enthusiasm and zeal. The three go together, so that where one is found the rest appear.

Enthusiasm takes root in the soul rather than in the mind. The soul is represented by a woman or women, for it is the center of the emotional nature or realm of feeling. Zeal for Truth is a current of feeling that takes its rise in the soul, as a river rises in hidden springs to broaden later into the wide stream that waters a fertile valley. Paul and Silas sat down by the riverside and spoke to the women who had gathered there for prayer. The first to be reached by their teaching in Macedonia were the women. No great enthusiasm is possible apart from the emotions, for enthusiasm is emotion in action.

Lydia, the name of the first Macedonian convert of whom we have any record, means "travail," and represents the travail of the soul in bringing spiritual ideals into expression. The Lord opened Lydia's heart to give heed to the teaching of Paul. The intellect, when convinced, does not engage the whole man, but the opening of the heart carries all before it. Lydia, when converted, brought her entire household into faith in the Christ. Not content with this expression of zeal, she insisted that Paul and Silas reside in her house during their stay in Philippi. She could not do enough to prove her faith. Like love, zeal knows no measure, but always seeks ways of doing more. Growing by what it feeds upon, it makes devotion to the ideal the easiest and most natural course, as it is the most beneficial to man to follow. The illumined will (Paul) and the perceptive faculties (Silas) alike join in arousing the zeal and enthusiasm of the Christ-centered person.

QUESTIONS

1. Why are Phrygia and Galatia mentioned as places through which Paul and Silas passed on their way to Macedonia?

2. What adequate reason for enthusiasm exists within man?
3. Why were Paul and Silas forbidden by the Holy Spirit "to speak the word in Asia"?
4. What do the various cities mentioned in this lesson as having been visited by Paul and Silas represent?
5. Have zeal and enthusiasm any connection with power? If so, what is it?
6. What makes the following of Truth easy and natural to man?

Lesson 2, July 13, 1941

UNITY SUBJECT—*The Resistant Nature of Material Ideas.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Christianity Expands in Asia.*—Acts 19:8-10, 23-32.

8. And he entered into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, reasoning and persuading *as to* the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9. But when some were hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

10. And this continued for the space of two years; so that all they that dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

23. And about that time there arose no small stir concerning the Way.

24. For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no little business unto the craftsmen;

25. Whom he gathered together, with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this business we have our wealth.

26. And ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they are no gods, that are made with hands:

27. And not only is there danger that this our trade come into disrepute; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana be made of no account, and that she should even be deposed from her magnificence whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.

28. And when they heard this they were filled with wrath, and cried out, saying, Great *is* Diana of the Ephesians.

29. And the city was filled with the confusion: and they rushed with one accord into the theatre, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel.

30. And when Paul was minded to enter in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

31. And certain also of the Asiarchs, being his friends, sent unto him and besought him not to adventure himself into the theatre.

32. Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was in confusion; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

GOLDEN TEXT—*So mightily grew the word of the Lord and prevailed.*—Acts 19:20.

SILENT PRAYER—*I do not resist my good. I open my mind to it, and no room for evil is left in my thoughts.*

The quality of our thoughts determines the character of our body. A vast difference exists between the one whose thoughts are grossly material and the one whose thoughts are on a high plane. The expression of the face reveals the kind of thoughts that are habitual to the mature person. The whole man is likewise self-revealing. Emerson truly said, "How can a man be concealed?" He cannot be after his thoughts have crystallized in physical form. He who is quickened to perceive inner values reads honesty or hypocrisy, faith or skepticism, love or hate, benevolence or selfishness, and many another trait in the faces of those whom

he meets. Inevitably a man is what he thinks.

In noting the influence of the mind over the body many factors are to be noted. Encouraging the thought that one is ill brings a feeling of illness. Thoughts of fear cause a depression of the vital forces and a shrinking into the self. Thoughts of hope, love, and happiness create a buoyancy of spirits that communicates itself instantly to the body.

Greed, miserliness, fear of lack, and other negative habits of thought depress the vitality and rob the body of its rightful contact with the universal substance that would otherwise build it up and keep it in perfect health. Such material ideas set up resistance in man's consciousness, so that he cannot realize abundant life or limitless supply. His only hope of overcoming this resistance with its unfavorable reaction in his body and affairs is in spiritualizing his thinking. As he learns to hold true ideas about man and God he finds himself improving in health as well as in fortune.

Paul's preaching of the truth of the Christ way of life at Ephesus supplied his hearers with true ideas of man and God. Those who heard him without prejudice were impressed by the truth of his ideas. The material ideas that they had held up to that time thereupon began to decrease in power and lose ground in their consciousness. Demetrius, the silversmith, represents the chief of the material ideas in man's mind, a material idea of substance. The business in which he was engaged, the making of silver images or shrines of Diana, and the labor troubles that he stirred up both show that his chief thought was material gain, not the goddess as an object of worship. Demetrius materialized the ideal of Diana that the statue symbolized. Her worshipers regarded her as the impersonation of the vitality

and power of nature, but to the silversmith she was merely a means of livelihood.

The true ideas that Paul (the illumined will) introduces displace the old material ideas of Demetrius when they are kept faithfully in mind and allowed to control the thoughts. Ephesus (desire) is a body builder as well as the power behind all becoming in the realm of intellect and feeling. Paul preached long and faithfully at Ephesus in an effort to translate the material desires of the Ephesians to a higher state. Under his teaching new ideas began to prevail. Discord followed when these new ideas met the old, material, resistant ideas. The same thing always occurs when a person does not make a complete change of mind, soul, and spirit. The keeping of the first commandment accomplishes this total conversion, which makes the following of the new way easy for man. Whatever part of his nature remains unchanged necessarily retards his progress. "The great goddess Diana" has long been "made of no account," but the world is still prone to worship materiality and low ideals under other names, so that the illumined will (Paul) is in danger of being broken when it enters the theater of action of these lower forces.

Asia represents the inner realm of man's consciousness. The will to bring the truth home to this inner realm and establish it in consciousness is a labor of love that leads man to persevere in the face of apparent discouragement and failure. Paul continued preaching in Ephesus for two whole years, until all who "dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks." The fully developed man brings Truth into both his religious and his intellectual life. As he recognizes the law of justice at work in his affairs and sees

things in their right relation to it, he finds his life falling into harmony with the principles of the Christ. As this change goes forward every part of his organism is quickened to new and greater vitality and the complete organism becomes a fitting symbol of the church of Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS

1. What determines the appearance and character of our body?
2. How do fear, greed, and other negative thoughts affect them?
3. How does man overcome the resistant effect of material ideas?
4. How are material ideas of substance represented in this lesson? What symbolizes desire?
5. What causes discord in man's consciousness?
6. How is the inner realm of consciousness symbolized in this lesson?
7. Of what is the redeemed body of man a fitting symbol?

Lesson 3, July 20, 1941

UNITY SUBJECT—*The Practical Application of Faithfulness.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*The Responsibility of the Church regarding Beverage Alcohol.*—I Cor. 5:9-13; Titus 2:1-8.

9. I wrote unto you in my epistle to have no company with fornicators;

10. Not at all *meaning* with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous and extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world:

11. But as it is, I wrote unto you not to keep company, if any man that is named a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no, not to eat.

12. For what have I to do with judging them that are without? Do not ye judge them that are within?

13. But them that are without God judgeth. Put away the wicked man from among yourselves.

1. But speak thou the things which befit the sound doctrine:

2. That aged men be temperate, grave, sober-minded, sound in faith, in love, in patience:

3. That aged women likewise be reverent in demeanor, not slanderers nor enslaved to much wine, teachers of that which is good;

4. That they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

5. *To be* sober-minded, chaste, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed:

6. The younger men likewise exhort to be sober-minded:

7. In all things showing thyself an ensample of good works; in thy doctrine *showing* uncorruptness, gravity,

8. Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of us.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Ye are the salt of the earth.*—Matt. 5:13.

SILENT PRAYER—*I daily make use of my understanding of Truth so that it may increase.*

He who wishes to follow the way of the Christ must keep faithfully to the course laid out. Revivals were once thought to be necessary to reclaim those whose faith had grown cold through their getting out of touch with what the Christ life represents. They are still considered necessary, and no doubt they are a quick and easy method of renewing interest in the things of the Spirit when it has been allowed to lapse. The point is that interest does not lapse when faith is vital and steadfast. Certain things can be done to keep it so, and

these things are the subject of this lesson.

A man is known by the company he keeps. This is still true, but it is equally true that a man is known by what he is. He keeps company with certain thoughts, and these make him what he is more surely than any association with other persons can do. Without idolizing any person he can still be an idolater if he allows love of wealth or power or fame or even the cultivation of his intellect first place in his thoughts. When he sets himself to "judge them that are within" he will be too much preoccupied to judge others harshly, if at all.

The rule to love one's neighbor as oneself is sound. So is the rule to judge oneself as one might easily judge one's neighbor if one let oneself lapse into a critical mood. Never to relax the self-watch is more important than watching another to make sure that he is expressing the right principles. To require faithfulness of others before one is faithful oneself is to demand the impossible and approach the whole subject from the wrong angle. To enforce such a demand one would have to "go out of the world." We need to put our whole thought on self-observance and faithfulness. Then we shall be able to keep the requirements of the Christian life so that we, like Jesus Christ, may ask, "Which of you convicteth me of sin?" without fear of having our confidence shaken by the reply.

Modern psychologists explain that it is possible to push a disagreeable thought out of the mind at will. The method followed is first a decision to think of something of an opposite nature. "Your mind," says one, "pays no attention to what you say; it is only affected by what you do. If you want to quit thinking about Jones, make a determined effort to think about

Smith. You can only push a thought out by shoving a good strong one in behind it. It will work." Paul put the same thing into the words "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." In the same connection he says, "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me." Strength for the continuing effort to control one's thoughts comes by way of memory and trust. One must remember that the Christ power is always available, and must take that power by an act of conscious faith.

It is wise not to enter into intimate fellowship with those whose habits of thinking are opposed to those of the Christ Spirit until one feels strong enough to be a helpful influence or example. Negative thought habits are as contagious as some so-called bodily diseases, unless one learns to immunize oneself by constructive faith in the good only. Not to expose oneself unnecessarily to negation is as sound as expressing only constructive thoughts aloud and thinking only such thoughts when silent.

Beverage alcohol is destructive of self-control when indulged in habitually. Total abstinence from its use is consistent with the principle of constructive living as well as helpful in making one an influence for clean, upright, Christlike conduct. One cannot eat and drink with the intemperate without lending a certain color of tolerance to intemperance. Jesus Christ, it is true, ate and drank with publicans and sinners, and said that "wisdom is justified by her works." Anyone who is faithful enough to the Christ ideal of service to influence the un-Christlike as He influenced them should

by all means enter upon this work, whose field has been "white already unto harvest" for a long time. Until such faithfulness is developed, our chief duty is to work at its development as constantly as possible.

Whoever has developed a sane mind in a sound body by faithfully following the law of life has no need to feel ashamed of his allegiance to Truth. It is for those "of the contrary part" to feel ashamed when they silently compare their failure to work toward the perfect standard with the efforts of the person who is following the law as best he can and applying the principles that he can grasp. Example is one of the strongest forces that man can use, and he uses it unconsciously when he harmonizes his life with that of Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS

1. In what respect should we "judge them that are within"?
2. How can man keep the requirements of the Christ standard?
3. Can an undesirable thought be displaced by a right thought? If so, how?
4. Is it possible to become immune to negative thinking?
5. Why is total abstinence consistent with the principles of constructive living?

Lesson 4, July 27, 1941

UNITY SUBJECT—*The Inspiration of the Holy Spirit.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*The Holy Spirit Inspires New Testament Letters.*—Gal. 1:11, 12; I Thess. 2:13; II Tim. 3:14-17; II Pet. 3:14-16; Jude 3.

11. For I make known to you, brethren, as touching the gospel which was preached by me, that it is not after man.
12. For neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but *it came to me* through revelation of Jesus Christ.

13. And for this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when ye received from us the word of the message, *even the word* of God, ye accepted *it* not *as* the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worketh in you that believe.

14. But abide thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15. And that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16. Every scripture inspired of God *is* also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness:

17. That the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.

14. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for these things, give diligence that ye may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight.

15. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote unto you;

16. As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

3. Beloved, while I was giving all diligence to write unto you of our common salvation, I was constrained to write unto you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Every scripture inspired of God* is *also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness.*—II Tim. 3:16.

SILENT PRAYER—*The Holy Spirit inspires me as I open my mind and heart to receive and express it.*

Every Scripture that is inspired of God is profitable to man for many purposes. In like manner every true

idea that he conceives is inspired of God and is profitable to him. He can make it profitable to others by sharing it with them or developing it in such a way as to make it of general use.

Not every Scripture is given by inspiration of God. The imprecations of Psalm 109 show an evil spirit, therefore it cannot be taken literally as inspired of God. The story of Ehud, the left-handed judge who was called a savior because he delivered Israel temporarily from the Moabites, is not literally inspired of God. Man does not realize salvation through murder. He is saved when he grows conscious of the Divine Spirit as something that he can feel within him and that is waiting only for him to accept it and use it in order to become active in his life and to possess him wholly. When he reaches this consciousness he is truly inspired of God, and there is no limit to the good work that he may do in the world except that which is set by his imperfect realization of his power to profit by his innate gifts and give them full expression.

Paul's inspiration came by direct revelation of Jesus Christ. The Gospels were not in existence at the time of Paul's conversion, and the only instruction that he received from the Apostles or other disciples in the beginning was from their behavior under persecution. The authority of inner conviction was his, and the forcefulness of the gospel that he preached was due as much to his intense conviction as to the undeniable truth of his message.

The word of man becomes the word of God when it comes from man's communion with God and his effort to express what he has learned from that communion. The closer a man lives to God in his thought and in his active life in the world the more clearly his

words breathe the essence of Truth or become the words of the Holy Spirit. In proportion as he allows the Holy Spirit to possess him or as he expresses it in all his ways it fills his words with its power, which then "worketh in you that believe."

Paul's co-worker Timothy, a much younger man than Paul, was reared in the faith of Christ from birth. The "sacred writings" were read aloud to him from infancy, so that he was steeped in the atmosphere of the Holy Spirit and knew no other. These writings played the same part in his life that the written word of Truth fills today in ours. They are able to make us "wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." The writings were true, and if man's acceptance of their truth springs from a faith that is like that of Jesus, rooted fast in God without fear or tinge of doubt, they will prove a sure guide, giving him the understanding that he needs to save him from defeat and despair.

Words that are "inspired of God" teach and instruct those who seek the wisdom to choose what is right, whereas those who act without waiting for their direction find in inspired words reproof and correction. The help, though it comes late, is useful to all who will retrace their steps and make a new beginning. Those who honestly wish to be set right find the Holy Spirit an effectual guide. The "man of God" is every man who tries to follow his inner urge to live worthily and who looks to the universal Spirit for strength to follow the ideal without swerving. Conscious communion with the Christ and faithful effort to express outwardly the inner gain from that communion are the two paths that lead to the Way.

To be "without spot and blameless" in the sight of

God man must be conscious of the Holy Spirit actively at work in his thoughts and acts. This consciousness requires diligence and devotion of a high order. "The longsuffering of our Lord is salvation," and the same strict standard is for all who would live at peace with themselves and be without spot or blameless. Contending earnestly for the faith of the saints means fighting the good fight of the higher over the lower self. It is a fight not against flesh and blood but against wickedness within the heart. The heart is the battleground that is to be won for peace, freedom, and the kingdom of heaven. The "common salvation" of the race is worked out by a common plan. This plan is the making of the Holy Spirit active in the mind and heart of man, thus displacing the mean, petty spirit of the man of clay.

QUESTIONS

1. How can we tell whether or not any given writing is inspired of God?
2. What is the best authority that anyone can have?
3. When does the word of man become the word of God?
4. It is said that the sacred writings "are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." How does this wisdom come?
5. Who is the "man of God"?
6. What is meant by "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints"?

The world sits at the feet of Christ,
Unknowing, blind, and unconsoled;
It yet shall touch His garment's fold,
And feel the heavenly Alchemist
Transform its very dust to gold.

—WHITTIER

Silent UNITY

Beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord of wisdom, I am transformed into the same image.

The Society of Silent Unity, founded more than fifty years ago, is the healing department of Unity School, ministering without seeing them, to those who need help.

Our purpose is to aid through prayer all persons who, having faith in the power of God, ask for help.

Our temporal needs are met by the freewill offerings of those to whom we minister. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over."

Our Silent Unity group numbers some hundred consecrated workers who are devoting their lives to God's work for humanity. They are proving daily that physical, financial, mental, and spiritual difficulties can be overcome by righteous prayer. Even though everything else may have failed, we shall pray *with* you, for we have faith that "with God all things are possible."

We pray *with* you and also instruct you how to pray to the Father in secret in order that you may help yourself. Silent Unity is praying always, and our co-operation in prayer is of mutual benefit. Do not hesitate to write to us for help because your problem is personal. All correspondence is confidential.

Address your request to Society of Silent Unity, 917 Tracy, Kansas City, Mo. Cable address: Unity, Kansas City.

Give your full name and address

HEALTH *and* PROSPERITY

BY CHARLES FILLMORE

In the opening chapter of his Gospel John describes the creative Word that culminates in the ideal man; he also calls it the "light" that "shineth in the darkness; and the darkness apprehended it not." Paul taught that those in material consciousness are veiled to spiritual Truth; "but whensoever it shall turn to the Lord, the veil is taken away."

"But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit."

When Paul wrote those words to the Corinthians, we wonder if he had any idea that he would be quoted by people nineteen centuries later. He was telling the truth about mind unfoldment as it was revealed to him, and it fits any age. The more we study the mind the more we see that it is subject to laws that come under the head of science, that is, laws that are exact and can be demonstrated by anyone who applies the necessary mental machinery. Ideas rule the world, and he who wisely selects his ideas and enthrones them in his consciousness, permitting them mastery and dominion, will surely witness their victory in the issues of his life.

When Emerson wrote, "Hitch your wagon to a star," he had in mind this very thought. Exalt your ideas. Don't be content with the mediocre, the commonplace, but aim high. High ideals don't occupy any more

space in the mind than low ones, and they certainly bring more satisfying results. When we realize that our thoughts, out of omnipresent substance, are carving images that build both soul and body and finally become our eternal abode, we should see to it that our thoughts and words reflect the splendor and glory of the Most High.

God created man in His image and after His likeness, and He commanded man to "be fruitful, and multiply." Be fruitful, and multiply what? This image and likeness man was created before Adam and Eve, so we cannot say that the command to God's man was to be fruitful and multiply children. All inspiration, logic, and example point to the fruitfulness of the Spirit of God in us as the objective; that is, the multiplication of God's picture of Himself printed on the sensitive plate of our soul.

Jesus is the greatest demonstration of spiritual man of which we have a record, and He affirmed that He was the Son of God and that the Father dwelt in Him. For this the Jews accused Him of blasphemy and took up stones to stone Him to death when He called their attention to the 82d Psalm, where it is written:

> "I said, Ye are gods,
> And all of you sons of the Most High."

This Psalm explains that these sons

> "Know not, neither do they understand;
> They walk to and fro in darkness."

The "light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness apprehended it not," according to the Gospel of John. We are all in the darkness until we begin to acknowl-

edge the light. No man can know God until he acknowledges the Spirit of God within him. The Spirit of God in man is called the Son of God or Christ. He is the Prince of God and heir to all the splendor and glory of His parent.

Through Him the natural man has access to all the possessions of the Father. "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." When the ideal man, the Christ, attains a certain degree of spirituality He speaks with authority, as He did in Jesus: "No one cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye would have known my Father also." An acquaintance with the Christ within opens the door to the mind of God, and there is no other avenue. God is Spirit and His Spirit and ideas are first imparted to the higher self of man, which is Spirit, then to the natural man.

When the truth of the omnipresence of creative Mind is understood the three states of consciousness, God, Christ, and man, are merged into one. "In that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you."

Paul saw the natural man in course of transformation when beholding the splendor of Christ in himself, like an image in a mirror. In another epistle Paul tells of this change taking place "in the twinkling of an eye." However the gradual change "from glory to glory," or splendor to splendor, is more rational and is borne out by the experiences of those who have had their ideas transformed from a material to a spiritual base by contemplating the words and works of Jesus.

However Scripture citations and arguments never convinced anyone of truth nor changed any man from wrong thinking to right thinking. "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." Test this law of affirmation and denial in the name of Christ. If you want more wisdom, join the Unity students in daily affirmation, silently and aloud:

"Beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord of wisdom, I am transformed into the same image."

If you would demonstrate more health join in this thought:

"Beholding as in a mirror the health of the Lord, I am transformed into the same image."

If it is prosperity you want, pour into your consciousness a flood of abundance with this potent statement:

"Beholding as in a mirror the abundance of the Lord, I am transformed into the same image."

HEALING THOUGHT

Beholding as in a mirror the health of the Lord, I am transformed into the same image.

PROSPERITY THOUGHT

Beholding as in a mirror the abundance of the Lord, I am transformed into the same image.

(Use from July 20 to August 19)

Prayers ANSWERED

These testimonials come from persons who have been healed by the power of Spirit. Those who wish to gain inspiration from some one whom God has healed may write, in care of the Unity School Editorial Department, to givers of these testimonials. Each letter must be unsealed and give the initials and address of the person to whom it is to be forwarded; also the name and date of the periodical in which the testimonial appeared.

I Will Come and Heal

I WROTE TO you concerning healing. Since a physician already was in attendance and the materia medica processes already begun, I decided that my final report to you could be of a twofold nature: the physician's records and the report of victory through prayer. After my recovery the records of my week's treatment at the hospital were rechecked and found correct. For instance, there was a condition pronounced curable only by operation and removal of some abdominal organs. The physicians afterward found these organs to be free from congestion and perfectly normal. Sleep had been possible only with the aid of sleeping tablets, and sometimes even they did not help.

Then one night I was suffering considerably. The thought came to me that I was not alone; I was secure, because Silent Unity was even at that moment claiming for me peace, courage, strength, and wholeness. Immediately I started thanking God and claiming my perfection in Spirit. The next thing I knew, it was morning. I was awaking out of a deep, sweet sleep. I had not an ache or a pain. I felt light, buoyant, and free. Where before sleep had been impossible without sleeping

tablets, now I went off to sleep like a baby. On my last visit to the doctor he pronounced me well, normal in temperature, free from congestion. I am very happy and thankful.—*L. M., Illinois.*

WHEN I last wrote to you I asked you to pray for my healing and for my being able to have a Christmas reunion in our home. There was only a short time in which to get things ready to entertain twenty-eight persons at two meals—and I was in bed with what they told me was a heart attack. But thanks to God, who never fails us, we never have had a nicer Christmas. I never felt better in my life. The company came, and two of them stayed a week. I have had so many prayers answered that it makes me feel like a member of a large family all helping one another and God directing and helping us all.—*Mrs. A. C., Illinois.*

A MONTH AGO I asked you to pray for the healing of my hands. They were afflicted with a very bad skin disease. I had lost two fingernails. Medical treatment did no good. I was at my wit's end until I heard of Unity. I am very happy to tell you now that my hands are healed. This experience has given me great faith in God.—*S. P., New York.*

THREE MONTHS ago I asked you to pray for my daughter, who was overweight owing to a glandular disturbance. This condition affected her personality, poise, and progress in a serious way. (She was attending a business school.) I write you now to thank you and bless you for what your prayers have done for her. She has lost ten pounds of excess weight, and her general health is better than it has been for a long time. She has obtained a position that is just what she wanted and every-

thing is working out beautifully for her. I praise God for the help she has received.—*N. A., California.*

I SUFFERED with female trouble for years. I feared that the only thing for me to do was to have an operation. But I wrote to you for prayers and was healed. All the suffering passed away. I give thanks.—*J. B., Missouri.*

YOU MAY recall that a year ago I wrote to you for help in healing a mark on my little niece's cheek, the result of an accident. I am very happy to tell you that the mark is now absolutely gone. Her little cheek is perfect, just as we knew it would be if we would have faith and trust in God's healing power. While the healing has taken a long time, we firmly believe that through this experience we have advanced much further in the study of Truth than we would have done otherwise. With hearts filled with gratitude we thank you for your wonderful help.—*J. L., California.*

Filled with Plenty

SEVERAL months ago I wrote to you asking you to pray that I might find employment. You sent me instructions as to how to pray so that my good would come. I began getting small jobs, and I thanked God for each one. Then I began getting work in my own field, the dramatic stage. I have been working constantly!

I asked you to pray with me that I might get a particular position I had in mind. You wrote me saying that I should pray that God's will be done. I did, although it was hard at first. I had interviews and readings with producers, but I lost out and it almost broke my heart—for a day or two. I prayed for more faith and courage and for His will to be done. I put the past

out of my mind. When the memory of failure would return I would pray more fervently that God's will be done. And now guess what happened!

They tried out many girls for the particular place I wanted. Then they called for me. I was miles away from New York City, but they got in touch with me by wire. I am now on the road with the play that I have had my eye on since it opened months ago on Broadway.

At first I asked only to be understudy in New York when the play opened. They had someone for the place. Then I asked to be cast for the road company if they ever sent one out. They decided to send one out; then decided to wait a few months. That left me out again. I kept praying, "Thy will, Father." It came about that the girl who played the part that I would do couldn't leave New York; so that is where I came in victoriously.

I could never have done this without your prayers and instructions. Since you prayed with me, my faith is steadier; I know better how to trust God for everything and God only in even the smallest problems. —*E. B. M., Illinois.*

THE PERFECT job has been made manifest for me. If it had been created especially for me it could not have fitted my abilities better. I am employed by the Federal government at a salary about twice as large as I was receiving in my previous position. I know you will rejoice with me in this wonderful answer to our prayers. I love my work very much indeed and put my heart into it. Every morning when walking to the office I pray and give thanks to the Father for the perfect job that has come to me. I thank Him for blessing me with divine intelligence to enable me to do my work well.

After two months and a half here I was pointed out as one of the best men in the division and transferred, which was supposed to be a promotion.—*H. A., District of Columbia.*

He Is My Refuge

I OVERWORKED at spring cleaning and let my body run down so that when cold and grippe appeared I could not seem to shake them off. At the same time other negative things seemed to occur. I could not seem to get one clear thought. Then my two children got colds and the three of us coughed several nights until it seemed unbearable.

I felt a great desire for your help and sent you a telegram one evening at eight o'clock. I sat down to relax and to tune in to you. My husband came in and asked, "What are you smiling at?" I told him I was letting Unity thoughts in. He said he felt them too. We had an exalted half hour. My thoughts were free for the first time in two weeks. It was like a bath after wallowing in mud. Suddenly we realized that there hadn't been a cough in the house since nine o'clock. There were no more coughs that night. There have been scarcely any since. My daughter was perfectly and immediately healed. I was much better, but my son remained fussy. The following night he seemed worse, with a temperature of 103. I sent you another telegram. The minute it left I felt right with God again, peaceful, confident, happy. My son awoke in the morning a new boy. We are fine now. I feel better physically and mentally than in over a month. I have learned once more that nothing matters but God. I had let work interrupt my daily meditation hours. Never again!

For several months you have been praying with us for our prosperity. It seems to have taken us quite a while to build up a prosperity consciousness but I believe the seed has been planted at last. You may be sure I'll nourish it. My husband received a twenty-five dollar raise in salary, and there have been other unexpected dollars here and there. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything.—*Mrs. E. C. H., New York.*

SEVERAL months ago I wrote to you asking you for prayers for my family. Everything seemed wrong. My husband was working under almost intolerable conditions, living in fear of losing his job any day—although he had been with the same firm twenty years. Our bills were overdue and my son needed a job badly.

I wrote to you and also wrote a letter to God for help and guidance. I felt awed by the wonderful things that have come to us in such a short time.

The man who made conditions so miserable has been replaced by my husband. This was a decided promotion, with a much better salary. Our bills are being paid up to date. My boy has an opportunity to earn enough money to take him to college for another year. We are all so happy that we sing and laugh. I thank God for all this good.—*O. P., Washington.*

I ASKED YOU to pray that my husband might get work. Since then he has received a position doing work of a kind that he had not done in ten years. The pay is better, and we are happy about it. Also we are thanking God for my husband's health that enables him to do his own kind of work. He had to take a severe physical examination to get it.

Two years ago my husband was given up. They said he had cancer. We put him in God's care. Now

he is doing work that requires hard physical exertion. Thanks once again for what Unity has done for us. —*Mrs. E. B., Michigan.*

His Truth Is a Shield

I ASKED YOU to pray for my son, who was in the British army in Flanders and one of those involved in the Dunkirk disaster. He walked for days; then he was in the water swimming for three hours before he was picked up. Thank you for your prayers. I know they helped him to safety.—*L. B., California.*

THE SATURDAY before Christmas, while I was shopping, I lost my purse with all the money we had for Christmas. When I noticed the loss I said, "Nothing is lost in Spirit." Of course I went back and looked for it, although it must have been lost on one of the busiest streets of the city. I kept repeating The Prayer of Faith. Finally I went home, still praying and giving thanks to God. About four hours after I had missed the purse a man brought it to my home, with all its contents. (My name and address were in it.) He brought it during a pouring rain too. I am a colored woman, and it was a white man who returned the purse. I offered him something for returning it. He said "No, thanks." He seemed as happy about returning it as I was about receiving it. Everybody told me I was just lucky, but I know the real answer is that God answers prayers. Thank you for teaching me how to receive God's help. —*D. B., Georgia.*

MY SON is a highway patrolman. I often put my hand on his car and bless him and it, realizing that God is his safety and protection. Sometimes I awake at night

thinking of my son, or the thought of him comes to me in the daytime. Instantly I realize that the love of God is his absolute protection, shielding and guiding him. My son has served eight years as a highway patrolman. He has been (and is being) completely protected. —*L. M., Illinois.*

Free from Cares

DURING THE past month I have had a pretty vivid illustration of the power exerted by unspoken thoughts on another person. You have been praying with me for my husband's freedom from the drink habit. He had been drinking lightly every night for several months. (He won't drink on the job any more; something I am very thankful for.) Then he took a heavy cold and couldn't go to work. He began drinking heavily. For several days I continued my prayers as best I could. Then I became physically tired. He required so much care. I became so filled with resentment that I couldn't pray although I tried. I tried to keep my feelings hid, but evidently he sensed them, for he became quarrelsome and even harder to care for. One evening he was so quarrelsome that I began to fear he might go so far as to become abusive.

Then the realization came to me that my own thoughts were to blame. I tried to clear my mind of everything but the words "Peace" and "I love you." I repeated these words over and over. Soon he became quiet and went to sleep. The next day he was easier to care for. A few days later he returned to work. He isn't drinking at all now although he still has liquor in the house. May God bless you richly is my prayer. —*Mrs. R. T., Indiana.*

HELP *from Silent* UNITY

These are extracts from letters that Silent Unity has written to those who have asked our help in finding and obeying the divine law of life.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the only-begotten Son of God? Please answer yes or no.—*Letter received by Silent Unity.*

Your request reminds us of a story about Abraham Lincoln. Honest Abe was counsel for the defendant. The prosecuting attorney was trying to trap the defendant into making a damaging admission by asking him very involved questions and then demanding that they be answered yes or no. Abe protested. There was an argument between the lawyers. The prosecutor declared with heat that any question could be answered with yes or no. Thereupon Lincoln responded: "All right, answer this question yes or no: Do you still beat your wife?"

We are confident that you are not trying to entrap us into making any damaging statement. From the tone of your letter however we are confident that if we answered with an unqualified no you would not understand our position. In fact, you would be further than ever from understanding what our position is.

Jesus, as a person, certainly was not the only one created by God, since Genesis plainly states that God created all that has been created. Jesus pointed out that God is the divine father of all. For God to be the father of all is a definite statement that all creation is His offspring. We understand "only-begotten Son" to refer to the Christ nature latent within every human being.

It is our teaching that not Jesus Christ but the Christ nature in Jesus was the only-begotten Son. Jesus developed His Christ nature and so became a perfect example of a man in whom the Christ was enthroned.

It is not that we think less of Jesus Christ than the orthodox church does, but we have more faith in the Christ in all men than the orthodox church has. Jesus was "in all points tempted as we are." He promised that His followers should do the same things as He had done, and greater. He could not possibly have entertained such a faith had He not been talking of the Christ within them, the same Christ Spirit that had raised Him to be the greatest among men.

Christ, not Jesus Christ, is the only-begotten Son of God, and Christ is in every person, whether now recognized or not.

> I have kept company with a young man for several years. Now he wishes to marry me. But he is not a Christian. Although I pray daily for his soul's salvation, my prayers have not yet been answered. Even though I love this young man, I do not feel that I should marry him unless he becomes a Christian. I should appreciate your advice as well as your prayers.
> —*From a letter received by Silent Unity.*

We are praying that God's wisdom and love may prevail in this matter and bring the greatest degree of happiness to both of you. We are praying too that you may accept the divine solution and seek happiness in it, whatever it may be.

You understand of course that we cannot tell you flatly to marry or not to marry this young man. It would be unseemly for us to attempt such a thing, when we know you can receive exactly the right advice from the Spirit of wisdom, which is ever within you. We feel

however that we can make some suggestions that may be helpful to you as you seek to open your heart to God for His wise decision.

When we love anyone we see all his good qualities. Those who do not love him may say we see in him qualities that are only the result of imagination. They are mistaken however. Because the Spirit of Christ lives in every person he is even finer than we have conceived him to be. The problem is that he is not yet fully conscious of his own divinity, not yet in full expression of it.

We do not mean to imply that anybody who wants to marry anybody else is justified in doing so. There is a much finer implication to be found here: When we know that love, courage, uprightness, and the other qualities that we admire so much are potentially in everybody, we see that nobody is quite so important to us as we have supposed. The God qualities are what we find attractive in any person, and they are in everybody.

It is only fair to remind you that many who do not formally profess the doctrines of any church are still expressing many of the Christ qualities and so are on the way to Christian perfection. One of the charges the Jews made against Jesus Christ was that He was not orthodox, that He did not conform to all the rules of the church.

We have mentioned these matters not to sway you but to help you to listen with an open mind to God's guidance and instruction. We know that Jesus Christ, in whose ministry love and understanding played such a conspicuous part, is with you now in Spirit, leading you as He led His dear ones in the long ago. In His name we bless you and yours.

The Purpose of Unity

UNITY SCHOOL OF CHRISTIANITY is an independent educational institution, teaching the use of the Jesus Christ doctrine in everyday life.

Its purpose is not to found a new church or sect, but to help men and women of every church and also those who have no church affiliations to use the eternal Truth of God.

The Unity teachings explain the action of mind, the connecting link between God and man. They explain how the mind affects the body, producing discord or harmony, sickness or health; how it brings man into understanding of divine law.

We suggest that you accept what, in our literature, appears to you to be Truth, and that you withhold judgment on the remainder until you understand it better. If you seek the Holy Spirit as your guide to Truth, you will know for yourself what is of God and what is of man.

As we keep on searching for Truth, we no doubt shall change some of our ideas, until everything short of the perfect will of God is dropped from our life and from our doctrine. There would be no difference of opinion among Christians if human ideas did not prevail widely, for there is but one Truth, and some day we "shall see eye to eye."

A Unity center is an association of Unity students formed to provide and maintain a place of assembly, where the principles of practical Christianity, as set forth by Jesus Christ and interpreted in the light of present-day experience by the Unity School of Christianity, shall be taught under the direction of an authorized leader.

Unity centers and study classes are places of religious research for all regardless of creed; and places where helpful instruction in Christian living may be received.

Through the Field Department Unity School of Christianity offers an advisory service for center leaders, and authorizes the establishment of Unity classes and centers.

Information about Silent Unity (Unity School's healing department) is given elsewhere in this magazine.

Appearing in Other Unity Magazines This Month

Faith for Your Needs

"One thing that perhaps troubles us when we pray is the human uncertainty, apprehension almost, whether we have faith enough to fulfill the condition of successful prayer that Jesus laid down," namely that we have faith. Thus Gardner Hunting states a problem familiar to Truth students in his article "Faith Enough."

Mr. Hunting points out that there are definite things to do to produce faith, even as there are definite things to do to produce an acre of wheat, or a loaf of bread. This helpful article appears in a July issue of *Weekly Unity.* Don't miss it.

Two Boys and a Pony

It seems as though a pony has the magic power of opening up a new world of happiness to boys and girls, doesn't it?

Terry Allen lived in Vermont the year round and resented Bill Smith, the youngest member of the "summer folk" who came to Vermont just for a few months. Perhaps the boys would never have settled their differences if it had not been for a pony. How the pony helped them do this is told in the story "The Deal," by Chesley Kahmann. This story is in two parts, the first appearing in the July issue of *Wee Wisdom* and the second in the August issue.

Meet Mister Shoeman

Have you ever met a person who really practiced the Christ way of living? Who was kind, gentle, considerate, loving, patient, and trusting? If you have you have never forgotten him, have you?

In the July issue of *Progress* you will meet just such a character, and you will never forget him. Edna Tradewell introduces him as "Mister Shoeman," for he is a shoe salesman in a little desert town. How "Mister Shoeman" brought happiness to himself and others makes an unusually interesting and inspiring story.

"Do You Want a Job?"

If you are looking for work, you want to know the definite, practical things you can do to find not only a job but your job, where you can make good money and be happy, don't you? How can you do this?

Clinton E. Bernard, associate editor of *Good Business,* tells you how to do these things in an article that appears in the July issue of the magazine. Don't miss this article if you are seeking a job and be sure to send a copy of July *Good Business* to any friend who needs work.

The Value of Relaxation

Many times when we are in need of healing or of supply we become tense and anxious, and this prevents us from making our demonstration. If we could only relax, and let God's free-flowing love flow through our mind and heart and body we should soon be healed.

In an article, "Be Not Therefore Anxious," appearing in the July issue of *Daily Word* Priscilla Drennen tells how to relax. There is also a lesson for each day.

"For I Will Restore Health unto Thee"

A friend in the British West Indies writes of the way in which the Correspondence Course is helping him. He had long been a reader of Unity literature, but after taking up the course of study he discovered he had been "absorbing facts and overlooking expression." He finds that the study is a "health restorer." "I am confident," he writes, "that by the time the course is ended I'll be a hundred per cent healthier, happier, wiser, more prosperous, and more loving."

Wherever you are, you can take up the study of Unity through the Correspondence Course, for the lessons are sent to you in your own home. Your papers are graded by Unity teachers, and you are given the benefit of their notations on your lessons. A letter addressed to Unity Correspondence School, 917 Tracy, Kansas City, Mo., will bring you full information.

Traveling Library

From Iowa: "I do appreciate very much the magazine *Wee Wisdom* for our little library. The children like the magazine very much and read it to shreds though I mend it repeatedly. I think it is the best child's magazine I know and it helps to give a child the best instruction of his life. There are several adults who read Unity literature too. I thank you very much."

The Unity literature for this traveling library is sent through Silent-70, the missionary department of Unity School. Literature is sent to hospitals, prisons, nurseries, and institutions of all kinds through this department. This work is made possible through the love gifts of friends who like to help others and to make the world a better place to live in.

For Men in the Service

Today thousands of young men from every walk of life are entering military training camps. Everything is being done in a material way to make these young men healthy and happy. Perhaps many of them will return from camp with stronger bodies, keener minds, and a new outlook on life.

In an effort to supplement this military training with spiritual training Unity is offering, free of charge, a six-month subscription for *Daily Word* to any service man whose name is sent in by some friend.

Will you help by sending us the name of any young man who is now being trained for service so that he may have the opportunity of a daily spiritual drill through the short lessons and affirmations in *Daily Word?* This will place you under no obligation. With his name and address be sure to mention his rank and the unit to which he is attached. Address your card or letter to Department C, Unity School of Christianity, 917 Tracy, Kansas City, Mo.

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News FROM UNITY

"Be Strong and of Good Courage"

It has been said that Christianity is not for weaklings, and it is true that a practical Christian must be a strong and courageous person if he is to stand steadfast when things seem to go wrong. Jesse David Roberts tells us how to find deep courage and calm poise for trying times in an article that will appear in August *Unity*. This article is simply written, and it will be a good introduction to Truth for any of your friends who are not Unity students. "Be Strong and of Good Courage" is the title.

"Blessed Are Your Eyes"

Scientists say that the senses give you information about the outer world about as follows: taste 1 per cent, touch 1½ per cent, smell 3½ per cent, hearing 7 per cent, sight 87 per cent.

Your eyes then are your most valuable servants. If they are not serving you properly, if they are not as clear and strong as they should be, you will want to read the chapter "Blessed Are Your Eyes" in the book *You Can Be Healed*, by Clara Palmer. The practical ideas and meditations in this chapter will help you apply Truth in overcoming imperfect vision.

The other chapters in this book are equally helpful. Each one is devoted to the healing of a specific organ of the body.

Prosperity Bank User Writes

"I must express my gratitude to all of you at Unity and tell you that the past seven weeks

have been the most prosperous and satisfactory period of my life. This sounds rather exaggerated, but my affairs have become much better, my life happier, and my mind filled with new ideas that are rich and constructive." (Mrs. L. H. C., Missouri.)

If you are interested in using the Prosperity Bank drill you will find a coupon on the next to the last page of this magazine.

A Child's Best Friend

A good storybook is a friend a child never tires of, for he seems to enjoy the stories more

each time he reads them. *Jet's Adventures,* Unity's newest book for children of ten years or older, is the kind of book children like to read over and over. Three popular *Wee Wisdom* serials make up this book, "Jet's Baggage," "Jet's Friends," and "Jet's Cabin Home." It tells the thrilling story of a pioneer boy as he travels across the country in a covered wagon to settle in a new home.

Other Unity children's books are *Story Friends* for boys and girls of six to ten, and *How Jimmy Came Through* for ten-year-old children.

How to Forgive Yourself

Many of us find it easier to forgive others for mistakes than to forgive ourselves. Often we hold ourselves in condemnation when we would free another, and for this reason we need to learn how to forgive ourselves. In the *Book of Silent Prayer* special instructions to help you forgive yourself and others are given, along with a prayer to use daily. There are also prosperity prayers, healing prayers, and prayers for other uses and occasions in this booklet. Among the prayers and blessings is Arthur Guiterman's beautiful "House Blessing."

Truth Songs

If you should be visiting Unity headquarters around ten o'clock some morning, you would see the workers leave their desks and go to the Unity Chapel for a thirty-minute meeting. This is an important phase of their work, as it is through the practice of the silence and the singing of songs, as well as study, that they renew their faith each day and find inspiration for their work of spreading the Truth message.

For their singing they use the book *Unity Song Selections,* which is one of the most complete religious songbooks published. It has 309 songs, including the old familiar tunes as well as many new songs. It has two

indexes, one listing the songs in alphabetical order, the other by topics such as faith, healing, illumination, and love. Another helpful feature is the Responsive Reading for such special occasions as Christmas, Easter, and Mother's Day.

Unity centers use this book in their services, and many Truth students have it in their home.

Seed for Coming Crops

In his booklet *As You Tithe So You Prosper* Louis E. Meyer says: "The tithe is like the seed

of a farmer for his coming crops. He specially selects and protects it. When we release the tithe willingly and freely, as we have purposed in our heart, we are sowing as the farmer sows: his best seed unreservedly on good soil that he may receive an abundant, good harvest."

In Chapter 4 Mr. Meyer gives practical answers to actual questions that have been asked him in regard to tithing. "Shall I tithe while I owe a great deal of money, or shall I wait until all debts are paid and then tithe?" "Shall I tithe now or wait until I am earning more money?" are some of the questions answered.

From Australia

"Our family thanks the kind folks who have made it possible for us to continue to receive our magazines. These help not only ourselves but a circle of neighbors and even strangers as they go journeying a long way before they return to us. They help to ease the war strain." (Mrs. E. F. S.)

To friends in foreign countries who are barred from sending money for their subscriptions at this time Unity literature is supplied through the kindness of students who like to keep Truth active in the world today.

If you have friends in foreign countries who would be helped by Unity literature at this time, send us their name and address and mention the magazine you wish sent and the subscription will be entered at once.

How I Used Truth

From Kansas a friend writes of the way this book has helped her and blessed her home. She says: "For several years *How I Used Truth* has been a welcome help in my home. I am sure it has achieved the great object for

which Doctor Cady hoped, that of being a practical, living help in daily life.

"Words can't express my appreciation of this helpful book. I recommend it to all Truth seekers."

Dr. H. Emilie Cady, the author of *How I Used Truth,* was a practicing physician in New York City for many years, and at first she used the principles of Truth along with her medical knowledge to help her patients find healing. Later she gave up the practice of medicine and became a Truth teacher and healer.

What to Do with Old Copies

This question is asked us over and over again by readers who are eager to share their treasured Unity periodicals but do not know where to find an outlet for them.

If you have an accumulation of Unity literature and you wish to place it where it can be of benefit, we suggest that in your own locality you make inquiry at hospitals, libraries, jails, and other public institutions that would welcome the gift of your back copies. Army Training Camps offer another fine outlet for your Unity literature.

Open Door to Success

"Personality has the power to open many doors, but character must keep them open" are the words of a man who at the age of forty holds a high position in one of the country's largest industries.

Nowadays both educators and parents are aware of the importance of early character training for boys and girls, and as a step in that direction they are paying more and more attention to what the child reads.

In the front rank of good reading material stands *Wee Wisdom* magazine, for it both entertains children and directs their thought and conduct in a constructive way. Its stories, which are always interesting and exciting, impress the child with the value of being honest, courteous, kind, obedient, good-tempered.

Wee Wisdom provides a child with character training that proves the open door to success.

What Is Truth?

When Jesus was on trial, Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea, asked: "Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end have I been born, and to this

end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?"

Throughout the ages this question has been echoed and today it is still in the minds of men. In the book *Usable Truth* Richard Lynch gives his conception of what Truth is in the first chapter, "Knowledge of Truth."

A Prayer for Today

"I thank Thee for today, dear Lord, and I go forth calm, steady, poised—in peace and joy and strength—because I have the assurance that Thou wilt be to me whatsoever I need this whole day through to make it perfect, complete, productive, glorious. I in Thee, and Thou in me, all day, each day, and eternally." From *All Things Made New.*

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"Giving thanks in advance brings to pass a present expectation."

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"Whatever you form in the mind and have faith in will become substantial."

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In My Garden

Ethel Romig Fuller

When I walk in my garden at dawn,
Somebody waits for me there;
Like dew blessing lilies and lawn,
His fingertips rest on my hair.

When I walk in my garden at noon
Chimes twelve on the face of a dial,
My heart joins a lark's fluted tune—
How warm the sun of His smile!

When I walk in my garden at night,
Quietly someone stands
With a tall candelabrum of white,
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Whatever the hour in my garden,
His lingering presence is balm
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